

Welcome to UPPC!

If this is your first visit, we are so glad you are here. In fact, we believe God brought you here today! Take a few minutes to read this bulletin to find out about some of the ministries going on at the church - getting involved is the best way to meet people and connect. We'd also love to have you stop by the Welcome Center (just outside the Sanctuary doors) after service. There is someone available to answer questions about the church as well as let you know more about ministries and opportunities available for you and your family.

We hope this morning is meaningful and rejuvenating for you!

THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY | 8AM-4:30PM
FRIDAY | 8AM-12:30PM

TODAY 12.8

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 & 11AM

Early Childhood 9:30 & 11AM | 4mo-2yrs | Nursery • 3's-K | Room 113

Elementary 9:30 & 11AM | Grades 1-4 | The Lodge

Solid Ground 9:30AM | Grades 5-12 | Youth Room

Solid Ground 11AM | Grades 5-7 | Youth Room

CONNEXIONS 9:30-10:30AM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 12.9

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6AM | Room 121

TUESDAY 12.10

WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 1-2PM | Fellowship Hall
All women dealing with cancer (as patients or caregivers) are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY 12.11

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL 10AM | Rm 121 | Gwenn Robertson, 253.564.0608

CAMPFIRE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30-7:30PM | The Lodge

FOUNDATION (Grades 5-7) | 6:30-7:30PM | Youth Room

THE ROCK (Grades 8-9) | 7:30-9PM | The Lodge

CORNERSTONE (Grades 10-12) | 7:30-9PM | Youth Room

THURSDAY 12.12

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER 9-10AM | Family Worship Room

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30-11AM | Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL 7PM | Rm 121 | Gwenn Robertson, 253.564.0608

FRIDAY 12.14

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS 1PM | UPPC

ORDER OF SERVICE *please stand if you are able

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC | *And There Were Shepherds* | Gilbert Martin
Art Peterson, Organ

On This Day Earth Shall Ring | Cynthia Dobrinski
Chancel Bells | Nancy Key and Craig Carter, Percussion
Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Mike Moffitt

*HYMN OF PRAISE | *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE | Isaiah 7:13-17 (NIV)
Steve, Cynthia, Taryn and Isabella Crosby

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC | *Angels We Have Heard on High* | Cynthia Dobrinski
Sanctuary Choir | Blane Goslin, Trumpet | Craig Carter, Tympani
Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship

CHRISTMAS ON LOCATION: **Nazareth** | Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)
Rev. Aaron Stewart, Senior Pastor

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS
O Come, Little Children | Susan Geschke

SEALING THE WORD

MOMENT OF RECOGNITION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN | *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*THE BLESSING

*POSTLUDE | *Swiss Noel* | Louis Claude d'Aquin

UNIVERSITY PLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Aaron Stewart | Senior Pastor
Rev. Mike Moffitt | Associate Pastor

Wifi: UPPC Guest | Password: welcome2

WAYS TO GIVE AT UPPC:

- Giving plates at offering
- Online: UPPC.org "Give"
- UPPC app



December 8, 2019

We are taking a journey to the Holy Land, to the places where the Christmas story actually occurred. Where the story ends will surprise even the most seasoned of believers in our church. Last week we looked at the beginning of Luke's gospel, in Jerusalem where the temple encounter with Zachariah took place. Quickly the scene turns north some 64 miles to the small village of Nazareth. Today Nazareth is a city of 80,000 people, but in the first century it was a village of around 300 people, roughly 30 families. It was a real place, with real people and the encounter between Mary and the Angel Gabriel was real. So much of the historic Advent art and retelling of the story of Jesus is done in a way that is surreal. While beautiful, it also loses some of the normalcy of God's action and activity in the mundane and everyday experience of life, which is how God most often reveals himself. I am excited to share with you the place of the announcement to Mary!

Please make sure to grab a gift tag from the Community Christmas trees in the Lobby this week and help put us over the top to bless families in our community. Last year we blessed over 200 families with gifts and meals for Christmas. And this next week, on Saturday, December 14, we hope to help even more. Your gifts and service at that event are crucial. Thank you for making it one of the highlights of our outreach throughout the year!

Also, next week is our very special Christmas worship celebration, "The Sounds of Christmas." We will hold two concerts at our regularly scheduled service times of 9:30 and 11AM. Seating will be at a premium so be sure to invite friends and come early. You won't want to miss the first five minutes!

In the Journey Together,

Pastor Aaron Stewart

ALL CHURCH Info & sign ups at UPPC.org/events

Advent Friendship Lunch

Wednesday December 11 | 12PM | Fellowship Hall | \$8 at the door
Join us for fellowship, enjoy a carol sing with Keith Loftis and Art Peterson, and listen to Jim Mead, Pastor Emeritus, share from his book *Jesus And* on Christmas. Invite a guest or just sign up and meet some new friends. RSVP to Diane Schultz, 253.565.2348 or jimndiane@nventure.com by Monday, December 9.

Community Christmas

Saturday December 14 | UPPC

- There are still may tags on our giving tree - grab one today and bring the gift in by this Wednesday, Dec. 11.
- Volunteer: sign up at UPPC.org/events to help on the 14th

Community Christmas Prayer Service

Saturday December 14 | 11AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall as we pause to pray for the families visiting us for Community Christmas later that day. A light lunch will be provided for volunteers attending the prayer service. No need to register. All are welcome.

The Sounds of Christmas

Sunday December 15 | 9:30 & 11AM Services

Join us for a family worship experience featuring UPPC choirs, orchestra, and children that moves us from the Holy Land to the ends of the earth as Christmas is born in the hearts of every people and nation.

Angel Tree Gift Deliveries

December 15-24 | Tacoma & Lakewood area

Be an agent of hope by delivering Christmas presents to children on behalf of their incarcerated parent. Presents are provided, we need volunteers to deliver these gifts before Christmas. Contact Bob Freeborn: raf0444@comcast.net, 253.566.1651.

Please Join Us for Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 23 | 6PM | Sanctuary

Unable to make it on the true Christmas Eve? Join us for a family-friendly candlelight service on the eve of Christmas Eve.

Tuesday, December 24 | Sanctuary

11am (family-oriented) | **7&9PM** (traditional) | **11pm** (acoustic)

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve services. Evening services include candlelight.

SCP Employment

Sunset Christian Preschool is hiring! Check out SunsetChristianPreschool.com/ employment for more info.

Faith Commitment Cards

Thank you to everyone who contributed a 2020 Faith Commitment Card. We are so blessed by the generosity of our church, and we look forward to continuing ministry with you to our church, our community, and the world in the coming year. If you have not yet filled one out, they are available in the pew pockets. Place it in the offering or submit it to the church office, or fill one out online at UPPC.org/give.



WINTER SEASONAL GROUPS

Learn more & sign up today | Lobby



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE DECEMBER 14 | 11AM



HOLY LAND TRIP 2021 Informational Meeting

Sunday December 15 | 12:15PM | Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS

Jill McMullen, Minister of Care | 253.564.2522 ext. 139, jmcmullen@uppc.org

- If you would like to share a prayer request or praise, please fill out a Prayer Request on the back of a CONNECT card located in a pew; email prayerrequests@uppc.org; or contact Jill McMullen.
- Deacons are available during the week to pray with you. If this is something you'd like, contact Jill McMullen.
- For info on support groups, contact Jill McMullen.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Adam Holmes, grandson of Beverly Macomber, is battling a severe case of pneumonia. Prayers for healing.
- Toby Jackson is recovering from a mastectomy on November 19. She is healing well and won't need chemo or radiation, Praise God! She will be having reconstructive surgery on December 19, so prayers for continued healing in preparation and for her husband Tom as he helps care for her.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Jim Anderson, Ruth Brones, Billie Brown, Virginia Davies, Richard DeVine, Nick Glenn, Jung Gumsook, Phillip Hjembo, Bill Kelley, Maya Kelly, Rich Knoll, Kellyn Kohler, Kevin Kozakowski, Rod Livengood, Ken Lobeda, Jeannie Mann, Kara McDaniels, Nick McKenty, Mike Moline, Noelle Nelson, Evelyn O'Brien, Bob Parker, Mohammed Qader, Elizabeth Spitler, Sharon Storey, Ann Swalander, Pat Van Mason, BJ Wiebusch, Jean Whitney

THOSE BEING TREATED FOR CANCER: Jack Baker, Sally Bolton, Matt Cushman, Cirilo DelCarmen, Bob Dippert, Gayle Fowler, Jean Graves, Marty Heaverlo, Paul Jackson, Harold Jantz, Pam Judson, Scott Lillibridge, Diane Martin, Marion Massey, Pauline May, Dan McDaniels, Guy McInelly, Chris Olson, Marge Ritchie, Peter Stewart

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE

Mason William Hollingsworth, son of Lance and Jamie Hollingsworth, was born on November 20, 2019.

Elliot Westre Williams, son of Annika and Brandan Williams, was born on November 18, 2019. He is the first great-grandchild of Bob and Mary Peterson, who are incredibly proud!

Christmas Flowers

Donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Use a 'flower donation' envelope (located in the pew) to donate one today. \$20 suggested donation.



AS A FAMILY OF FAITH, WE...

DO LIFE TOGETHER

We comfort and care for each other, both here and around the world.

MAKE ROOM

We value sacred space - our gatherings are a place of Holy Spirit moments and great healing.

LOVE KIDS

We honor children and youth - through spiritual growth and general nurture - as a foundation for all we do.

CREATE

We encourage music and the arts to enhance our worship and celebrate God's goodness with others.

EMBRACE MESSINESS

We are guided by the Bible, embracing both spiritual truth and God's grace, as we share life's journey in all its messiness and all its glory, together.

SHARE

We share our abundant blessings generously - through service and outreach, God-given talents and wealth.