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 12.15

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 & 11AM

Early Childhood 9:30 & 11AM | 4mo-2yrs | Nursery • 3's-K | Youth Room Children are encouraged to attend service with their families today. Solid Ground 9:30AM | Grades 5-12 | Youth Room Solid Ground 11AM | Grades 5-7 | Youth Room ANGEL TREE GIFT PICKUP 10:30 & 12PM | Room 8 (Youth Cafe) HOLY LAND TRIP INFO SESSION 12:15PM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 12.16

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6AM | Room 121

WEDNESDAY 12.18

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 12.19

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 12.20 SCP CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 5PM | Sanctuary

ORDER OF SERVICE *please stand if you are able

PRELUDE | Alleluia Singers & UPPC Youth Chorus *The Prince of Peace* | *For the Sake of Our Brother* | *An Angel Returned* arr. Trans-Siberian Orchestra | Orchestrations by Keith Loftis Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship

WELCOME | Rev. Aaron Stewart & Rev. Mike Moffitt

The Sounds of Christmas Glory to God in the Highest Emmanuel

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY | Julie Judy, Kally Dowling

As we remember that God has never failed on His promises to us, we re-light the candles of HOPE and PEACE and we light the candle of JOY. With Christians around the world, this light reminds us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jesus, Joy of Highest Heaven | Keith Getty

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We are filled with joy, Father, for you kept your promise of a Savior. You willingly left your throne to enter our despair, redeem us, and adopt us into your family. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of Jesus. Without Christ we would be hopeless, wandering in the dark. Because of this birth, we are a joyful people for we know our hope has come to live among us. Amen.

The Promise | Michael W. Smith

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 2:1-5 (NIV)

Almost There | Michael W. Smith

REFLECTION | Christmas on Location: Mary & Joseph Luke 2:6-7 (NIV) | Rev. Aaron Stewart, Senior Pastor

A Baby Changes Everything

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

The Glory of Christmas | Sanctuary Choir Joy to the World How Great Our Joy *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing The First Noel O Come, All Ye Faithful

REFLECTION

Still the Lamb *Joy of Christmas/Joy to the World

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE | Noel Suisse | Louis-Claude Daquin | Art Peterson, Piano

Soloists (in order of appearance): Emily Cling, Sophia Moffitt, Melinda Tucker, Steve Barnett, Lisa Franklin, Jessica Reid, Lauren Molinaro, Loren Tucker

Unless otherwise noted, music is arranged by Bradley Knight.

UNIVERSITY PLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Wifi: UPPC Guest | Password: welcome2

- Online: UPPC.org "Give"
 UPPC app
- UPPC app

WAYS TO GIVE AT UPPC:

• Giving plates at offering

UPPCmedia

December 15, 2019

Sounds of Christmas s

This Sunday is one of my favorite Christmas traditions. The festive Christmas music, the story of Jesus coming down to earth, and the gathering of friends, family, and our community. It's really what Christmas is all about! I pray this morning is special to you - and becomes one of your favorite Chrsitmas traditions as well!

Pastor Aaron Stewart

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

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.

Families Unlimited Network (FUN)

Today | After services | Upper Lobby

UPPC mission partner FUN is a non-profit organization working to end need in our community. Each year they help more than 25,000 people through programs designed to help lead families to a place of sustainability. If you'd like to see how you can get involved, stop by their table today.

Bake Sale Volunteers

Friday December 20 | 5:30-7PM | UPPC

Sunset Christian Preschool needs volunteers to run the bake sale at their annual Christmas Pageant. It's a great way to see the pageant and help boost our scholarship funds. Contact Julia to volunteer, missjulia@sunsetchristianpreschool.com

Parent Support Group

Sunday January 5 | 12:30-1:45PM | Room 121

Parent Support Group is for those with children of any age living with special needs, different abilities, or sensory issues. In January, we will reflect on the holidays with our children - what worked well and what are some things we'd like to try differently next year. Lunch and childcare provided with registration at UPPC.org/events.

SCP Employment

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

Children's Choir Leaders

Alleluia Singers and the Youth Chorus have doubled in size and need adult volunteers. We need pianists to accompany the children for Sunday practices and performances, and volunteers to help keep the kids organized during these times. If interested, please contact Rev. Dr. Diana Green, dgreene@uppc.org

Christmas Eve Services Please join us!

December 23 | 6PM

Family-friendly with candlelight

December 24

AS A

FAMILY

OF FAITH, WE...

11AM Family-friendly 7 & 9PM Traditional with candlelight 11PM Acoustic with candlelight

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

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

PRAYERS

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Maya Kelly will return home sometime this week from Children's Hospital. Prayers for her to settle in at home and for the whole family to adjust to having nursing care again.
- Dave Robert, brother-in-law of Jennifer (Dave) Peterson, is on dialysis for non-functioning kidneys. He is looking into additional treatment options as well. Prayers for successful treatment.
- Jennifer and Dave Peterson have multiple friends in need to healing prayers: Robin Miller suffered a major stroke 2 months ago and is severely incapacitated; Ron Coleman, undergoing cancer treatments; Peter MacDonald, undergoing cancer treatments.
- Mitch Sagers is recovering from successful shoulder surgery this past Tuesday. Prayers for healing.

Peter Stewart

CONDOLENCES

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.



others.

We encourage music and

the arts to enhance our

worship and celebrate

God's goodness with

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.

- CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Jim Anderson, Ruth Brones, Billie Brown, Virginia Davies, Nick Glenn, Jung Gumsook, Phillip Hjembo, Adam Holmes, Bill Kelley, Maya Kelly, Rich Knoll, Kellyn Kohler, Kevin Kozakowski, Rod Livengood, 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, Bob Dippert, Gayle Fowler, Jean Graves, Marty Heaverlo, Paul Jackson, Toby Jackson, Harold Jantz, Pam Judson, Scott Lillibridge, Diane Martin, Marion Massey, Pauline May, Dan McDaniels, Guy McInelly, Chris Olson, Marge Ritchie,

- Our sympathy to Marnie DelCarmen at the loss of her father, Cirilo DelCarmen, who passed away on December 5, 2019, in San Antonio.
- Our sympathy to Clare DeVine at the loss of her husband, Richard, who passed away on December 10, 2019. His memorial will be in late January.
- Our sympathy to Josh (Emily) Jacobsen at the loss of his mother, Jeri Jacobsen, who passed away on December 7, 2019.
- Our sympathy to Jan Luscombe at the loss of her husband, Ken Lobeda, who passed away on December 11, 2019. Memorial details to come.

SHARE

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