

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.

The people and the places within the Christmas story are real. It's not the stylized, hallmark version of the Christmas story and nativity scenes that we see today. Instead it was so very real, and involved real people, real contexts and real places. It's a story that begins in Jerusalem and moves some 60 miles north to Nazareth before turning south 100 miles to the city of David, Bethlehem. It will conclude with a clash of world powers in the city of Jerusalem.

But the story was never meant to end there. Instead it would move from the Holy Land to the ends of the earth as Christmas is born in the hearts of every people and nation. And so it is that the journey of Christmas comes to our home town, too. May you receive the gift that is Jesus, the Christ!

Merry Christmas!



Aaron Stewart
Senior Pastor



We love kids and families!

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SERVICE INFORMATION

**Please stand if able*

Prelude: "What Child Is This?" arr. Jeff Cranfill
"Angels from the Realms of Glory" arr. Jeff Cranfill
UPPC Orchestra | Joel Westgaard, Conductor
"In Quiet Joy" by Marcel Dupre | Art Peterson, Piano

Welcome & Call to Worship: Rev. Aaron Stewart, Senior Pastor

***Congregational Carol:** "Once in Royal David's City"

Advent Candle Lighting: Christ Candle
7pm: Charles, Corina, Wynstan & Esperanza King
9pm: Rick, Lisa, Carson & Cameron Todd

Anthem: "Still, Still, Still" | Anna Kwon, Soloist

Reading 1 | A prophecy of the Savior's Arrival | Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

***Carol:** "Lo! How A Rose E're Blooming"

Reading 2 | A prophecy of the Savior's Peace | Isaiah 11:1-3, 6

***Carol:** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Reading 3 | The Angel's Grand Announcement | Luke 1:26-38

Anthem: "Blessed Savior, Son of God"

Reading 4 | The Birth of Jesus | Luke 2:1-7

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Reading 5 | The Shepherds hear the News First | Luke 2:8-20

***Carol:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Reading 6 | The News Spreads Beyond Israel | Matthew 2:1-11

Carol: "We Three Kings"

Reading 7 | The Light of God for All People | Luke 2:8-20

***Carol:** "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

"Christmas Medley" from *Almost There*

Meditation: Jesus Comes Home

Sharing the Light of Christ: "Silent Night"

***A Christmas Blessing**

Postlude: "Noel" by Theodore Dubois

Liturgists

7pm: Rev. Mike Moffitt, Associate Pastor
8pm: Rev. Dr. Martha Greene, Parish Associate

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

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WAYS TO GIVE AT UPPC:

- Giving baskets in Lobby
- Online: UPPC.org/give
- UPPC app



December 24, 2021
7 & 9pm



UNIVERSITY PLACE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMMUNITY AT UPPC

Info and registrations at [UPPC.org/events](https://uppc.org/events) and on our app!

Meet The Pastors

Sunday January 23 | 12:15pm | The Wayside

New to UPPC? We'd love to get to know you! Meet the pastors, staff and others looking for community. Coffee is on us! Questions? Contact Kathy Goertz, 253.564.2522 ext.147 or kgoertz@uppc.org.

Christmas Sunday

Sunday December 26 | 9:30am

We will have one service on December 26 at 9:30am. Youth and children are encouraged to attend this Family Worship Service. Nursery care will be available for children ages 4mo-4yrs.

Alpha

Sundays Feb. 6-May 1 | 5:30-7:30pm

Get acquainted with the landscape of Christianity. As the world begins to emerge from one of the longest lockdowns in history, more people than ever are asking big questions about the meaning and purpose of life. Alpha is a safe, welcoming place where those questions can be examined through videos and small group discussion. Come enjoy dinner, make new friends, explore meaning, faith and the basics of Christianity for eleven weeks this winter and spring. Learn more at [UPPC.org/alpha](https://uppc.org/alpha).

Re-New Your Marriage

Tuesdays February 1-March 8

Having a mutually enriching marriage is one of the greatest challenges we face as Christians. This course will deal with practical challenges and insights that can enrich our marriage relationships and our growth in faith. It will be taught by our pastors and some lay leaders who are experienced in the field of Christian marriage. Details to come at uppc.org/events.



Support for Parents of Special Needs Kids

We get that parenting a child with special needs has its own unique challenges. That's why we offer the Parent Support Group for those with children of any age living with special needs, different abilities, or sensory issues. We meet via Zoom at 12:45pm the second Sunday of each month.

January 9 | 12:45pm | In January, we will discuss "Siblings of Special Needs Children: Challenge and Opportunity." Register online at [UPPC.org/events](https://uppc.org/events).

Divorce Recovery

February 6-March 12 | Thursdays 6:15-9PM

Divorce is hard. The Divorce Recovery experience at UPPC is a place to gain healthy insight and courage to begin to move ahead. While it is difficult when your life and world have been cast into turmoil and chaos, now can be the beginning of a new way of living and hoping! Learn more at [UPPC.org/care](https://uppc.org/care).

Divorce Recovery Specials

January 20-February 3 | Thursdays 6:30-8pm

This winter join us for three Divorce Recovery special evenings. We'll cover topics that we don't get a chance to talk about in our regular 7-week experience. Childcare is provided with registration. Come for one or all three! More info at [UPPC.org/care](https://uppc.org/care).

January 20: Being Single Again

January 27: Co-parenting

February 3: Domestic Violence and Its Impact

Wednesday Nights for Kids & Youth

Campfire | Grades 1-4 | 6:30-7:30PM

Campfire is our mid-week program where students meet new friends, play crazy games, and learn about Jesus!

Foundation | Grades 5-7 | 6:30-7:30PM

Middle School students are invited to join us on Wednesday nights to play games, have fun and learn what it means to love Jesus.

The Rock | Grades 8-9 | 8-9PM

Junior highers come together mid-week and learn what it means to love Jesus - in a fun environment with friends and games.

Cornerstone | Grades 10-12 | 8-9PM

Cornerstone is a place to hang out with friends, de-stress, and play fun group games. It exists to create space to discover who God is and give students the life tools to build an identity around the true cornerstone: Jesus Christ.

Music & Arts Institute

Part of loving the arts and creativity at UPPC means making the arts accessible to everyone. Our Music & Arts Institute provides quality instruction to people of all ages, regardless of financial status. We offer year-round private music instruction to students of all ages and skill levels, summer classes and workshops, and performance opportunities at recitals, master classes, worship services, and community outreach events. Learn more about the Music & Arts Institute at [UPPC.org/mai](https://uppc.org/mai).

THE WAYSIDE



Hours: Sun-Thurs 8:30AM-1PM

Stop by on your way to work or after dropping off your kids, or meet up with a friend at The Wayside. We have great coffee and free wifi - and plenty of space to spread out!

rightnow MEDIA

Experience the world's largest customizable library of biblical video resources - from authors you know! Equip and inspire yourself beyond Sunday. Find video studies on family, marriage, work, leadership, personal care - and content just for teens and kids! It's all free at [UPPC.org](https://uppc.org).

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 mission, God-given talents and wealth.