



*Building of the Myers Park Baptist Sanctuary, c. 1952*

The Worship of God  
**Founders' Sunday**

January 12, 2025 | 10:00a

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

**Childcare is available for birth – kindergarten in the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (on upstairs level). Please see a greeter for more information.  
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

**Prelude**

“Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist  
Jean Langlais

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

Rev. Carrie Veal

**\*Opening Hymn**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, our Lord; we are a new cre  
The church in ev - 'ry na - tion is one through all the earth; our char-ter of sal-  
6 Still, schis-ms, tri - bu - la - tion, and ha - tred fuel our war; we wait the con-sum  
a - tion by wa - ter and by word. From heav'n he came and taught us what  
va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth; one name to - ge - ther bles - sing, one  
11 ma - tion of peace for - e - ver more. The saints their watch are keep - ing; their  
per-fect love can be; through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free.  
ho - ly food we share. to one hope e - ver pres - sing, at one in work and prayer.  
cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.

**Welcome of Our Guests**

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

*If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*



**\*Passing of the Peace**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**The Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 43:1-7**

Kathryn Long, Congregant

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*As the song begins, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to leave for Children’s Worship.*

*They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary with Shaina Hinds, Director of Children’s Ministries, and leaders.*

*Parents can pick up children from room 210 in the education building between 11-11:15.*

*For those staying through Spiritual Growth, please pick up children in the Childcare room between 11:50-12.*

**\*Sermon Hymn**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” verses 1, 2, and 4

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**Sermon**

“Through and Through and Through”

Rev. Dr. Matt DuVall

**Invitation to Silent Prayer**

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

**Church at Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Invitation to Offering**

Keith Young, Congregant

*You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or dropping your offering in the plate.*



**Offertory Anthem**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow’r;  
crown thine ancient Church’s story, bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Chancel Choir  
Paul Langston

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
armored with all Christlike graces, in the fight to set all free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee,  
that we fail not them nor thee! Amen!

**\*Reading of the Church Covenant**

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Rev. Carrie Veal

**\*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures, here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Fran Morrison, Deacon

**\*Closing Hymn**

“We Are a People on a Journey”

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**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt DuVall

**Postlude**

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

Robert Hobby

*If you are our guest today, please connect with a  
minister after worship and receive a Welcome bag.*



*Join us for Spiritual Growth after the service, followed by a  
Congregational Meeting and lunch at noon in Heaton Hall.  
Childcare is available until noon, please pick up your children before joining us for lunch.*



● **BIBLE BASICS 2.0**

Led by Rev. Carrie Veal  
Room 254 (above the Church Offices)

● **BRAIDING SWEETGRASS BOOK STUDY**

Led by Sophia Bartholomew  
January 12 & 19  
Room 250 (above the Church Offices)

● **FAITH & COMMUNITY**


Led by Bruce Elliott  
Shalom Hall (downstairs under Heaton Hall)

● **SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**

Led by Rev. Marina Luckhoo  
Library (off of Heaton Hall Foyer)

Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,  
Hannah Combs, Eric Roberts, and volunteers.



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### **HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card. To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at [cveal@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org)



### **FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH**

Henry B. Benoit  
J. Herbert Bridges  
James R. Bryant  
Guy T. Carswell

Rush S. Dickson  
W. Carey Dowd, Jr.  
W. Frank Dowd, Jr.  
Fred B. Helms

John R. Knott  
Lex Marsh  
William Marvin Scruggs  
Charles W. Upchurch

### **THE FOUNDERS' DAY BANNER**

When they bravely stepped forward in 1943 to establish this community of faith called The Myers Park Baptist Church, our founders embarked on their unique journey of faith. The founding Covenant states “. . . we will seek to live to the glory of God who has called us out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.” May we continue to seek this light and truth.

This banner honors our founders and was given by Doug and Jeanne Robertson in memory of Doug’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Douglas Robertson, Sr., and Jeanne’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. (Jack) Musgrove.

Verses 1, 2, and 4

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

# We Are a People on a Journey

1. We are a peo - ple on a jour - ney, o - pen to all and closed to none,  
2. O - pen to all new light be - fore us, guid - ing be - yond what we can see,  
3. When on our jour - ney we en - coun - ter stran - gers ig - nored or friends in need,  
4. Come, lift your voice in cel - e - bra - tion; join the pro - ces - sion through the world:

led by the love we've known through Je - sus, warm - ly em - brac - ing ev - ery - one.  
trust - ing a faith in - formed by rea - son, chal - lenged with - in com - mu - ni - ty,  
na - ture ne - glect - ed, life en - dan - gered, vic - tims op - pressed by power and greed,  
grow - ing, ex - plor - ing, march - ing, sing - ing, ban - ners of love for all un - furled!

On the path of faith pro - gress - ing, firm - ly stead - fast, bold - ly free,  
we'll ex - plore vast ways of wis - dom, search for mean - ing all a - round  
we will take a stand for jus - tice; we will join our hands for peace;  
Liv - ing just - ly, serv - ing kind - ly, walk - ing hum - bly through our days,

we will move for - ev - er for - ward grow - ing in di - ver - si - ty,  
as we move for - ev - er for - ward seek - ing truth wher - ev - er found,  
then we'll move for - ev - er for - ward bear - ing hope that fear may cease,  
let us move for - ev - er for - ward rais - ing songs of joy and praise,

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seek - ing truth wher - ev - er found.  
bear - ing hope that fear may cease.  
rais - ing songs of joy and praise!

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## Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

### OUR MINISTERS

**Rev. Carrie Veal**

Associate Minister

**Rev. Tara Gibbs**

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

**J. Kevin Gray**

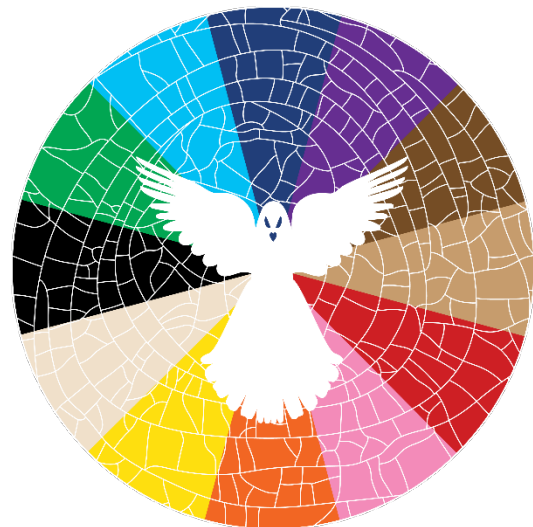
Minister of Music & Worship

**Eva Bender**

Chief Operating Officer

**Rev. Marina Luckhoo**

Interim Associate Minister



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Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

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