

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday

November 9, 2025 10:00am



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 main level). Please see a greeter for more information.

Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

We invite you to prepare for worship in silence while listening to the prelude.

Prelude

Jim Brock, Percussionist; Rebecca Kleinmann, Flutist

"A Gathering of Spirits"

Jim Brock

Call to Worship

J. Kevin Gray

Leader: Come, all who hunger for justice, for God fills the empty with good things.

People: Come, all who thirst for compassion, for God's love overflows like a river.

Leader: Come, all who seek peace and belonging, for in God's abundance, there is room for all.

People: Let us worship the One who provides more than enough. With grateful hearts

and open hands, we come!

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn

Number 272 LAUDA ANIMA

"God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us" stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5

Rev. Dane Jordan

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

**Welcome of Our Guests** 

A Moment of Centering Rev. Dane Jordan

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or in spirit.

Take a few moments to breathe and still the mind.



Sing: Come and find the quiet center,

in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

## Hebrew Scripture – Exodus 36:2-7 (NRSV)

Sawyer Young, Congregant

**BEACH SPRING** 

Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work, and they received from Moses all the offerings that the Israelites had brought for the work of constructing the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, so that all the skilled workers who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task being performed, and said to Moses, "The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do."

So, Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." So, the people were restrained from bringing, for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

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.



### Sermon

"More Than Enough"

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

### A Moment to Reflect

## **Musical Reflection**

Jim Brock, Percussionist; Rebecca Kleinmann, Flutist

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.

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



Offertory

Ameilia Meena Tom Kelly and Billy Steinberg

"True Colors"

You, with the sad eyes, don't be discouraged. Oh, I realize it's hard to take courage. In a world full of people, you can lose sight of it all, and the darkness inside you makes you feel so small.

### Refrain:

But I see your true colors shining through. I see your true colors, and that's why I love you. So don't be afraid to let them show. Your true colors, true colors, are beautiful, like a rainbow.

Show me a smile, then don't be unhappy; can't remember when I last saw you laughing. If this world makes you crazy, and you've taken all you can bare, you call me up because you know I'll be there. [Refrain]

## \*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

Mike Bowen, Stewardship Committee

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\*Closing Hymn

"Community of Christ"

Number 278

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Responding to the Word Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

**Pastoral Blessing** 

Postlude
"Toccata in Seven"

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ John Rutter

Members are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for a brief congregational meeting.

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

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

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Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karon Gleaton Luddy, by the Luddy family.

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Flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Bowers and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Vosburgh, by Tate and Marcia Bowers

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At Myers Park Baptist Church, we strive for inclusive language. However, there are times due to the historical nature or context of the text that we choose to leave language unchanged as initially presented. Be assured that MPBC holds God as non-gender-specific; God's essence encompasses all.

We sincerely apologize for the error in the All Saints' Day bulletin, in which Linda Guenther Christopher's name was listed incorrectly.

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#### HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

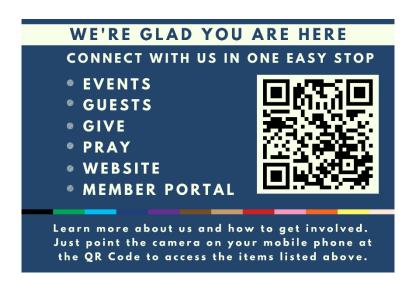
Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a joining card.

To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Marina Luckhoo at

<u>mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org</u>.

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To learn more about upcoming events, our church portal, social media pages, and weekly newsletter, simply scan the QR code below.



### **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**

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>
10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary
11:00am | Congregational Meeting & Vote
11:15am-12:15am | Spiritual Growth Classes for all ages – Multiple Locations
4:00pm-6:00pm | Youth Block

Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 9:45am-12:00pm | Roundtable meeting – Parlor

Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>
10:30-12:00p | Staff Meeting
6:00pm-8:00pm | Theology Pub – Hawthorne's
Meridien Place

Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary
11:15am-1:00pm | Congregational Lunch and
Conversation with the Transition Team – Heaton
Hall
4:00pm-6:00pm | The Youth Journey Fellowship –
Youth Hall