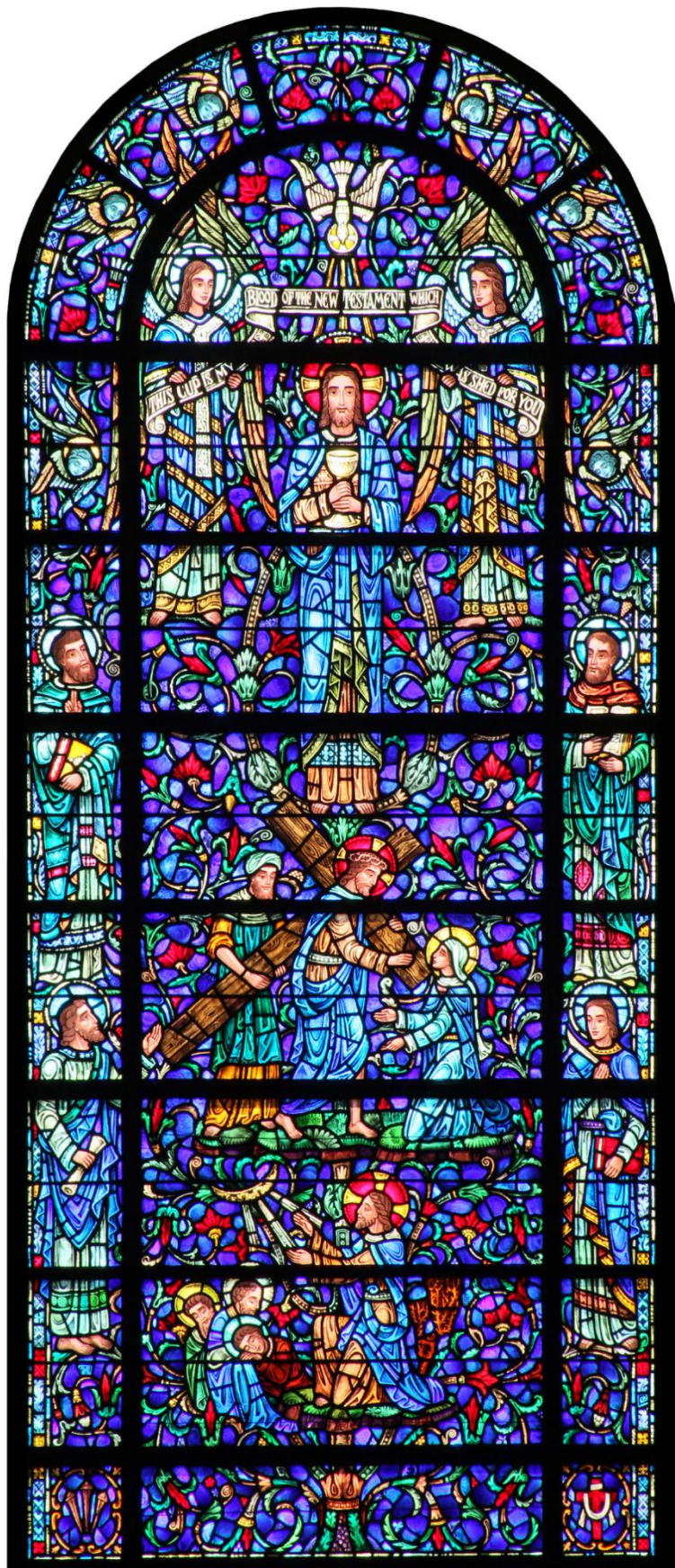




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday

November 16, 2025

10:00am



MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
arr. Dan Miller

Call to Worship

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Leader: Come, people of God, gather in the presence of the One who is faithful through all generations.

People: We come with hearts open to mystery, minds ready for renewal, and spirits longing for truth.

Leader: In the shifting sands of life, God's love remains steady.

People: In our doubts and questions, God's grace holds firm.

Leader: Let us celebrate the sacred promise that we are never alone.

People: We are held, known, and cherished, faithfully and forever.

Invocation

***Opening Hymn**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

See page 6
FAITHFULNESS

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

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**

A Moment of Centering

Psalm 27:14 (NRSV)

Rev. Dane Jordan

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Take a few moments to breathe and still the mind.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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.

BEACH SPRING

Gospel Reading – Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV)

Lucy Chapman, Choir Member

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Sermon Hymn**

“My People What Do I Require” stanzas 1, 2, and 5

LAND OF REST



- * 1. “My peo - ple, what do I re - quire? At -
- * 2. “Love mer - cy: let your hand be swift to
- 3. “Do jus - tice: be my voice for those the
- 4. “Walk hum - bly: test your ways by mine and
- * 5. “Be - yond all cost - ly of - fer - ings or



- * tend my proph - et's word: ‘Be mer - ci - ful and
- * serve a neigh - bor's need. Let good in - tent and
- strong ex - ploit, op - press, and be my feet to
- live by my clear Word. Re - mem - ber you are
- * thank - ful hymns you raise, I ask a faith - ful



- * just to all; walk hum - bly with the Lord.”
- * gra - cious word be matched by lov - ing deed.”
- walk be - side the poor and pow - er - less.”
- child of dust and I Cre - a - tor, Lord.”
- * heart and will, a life that sings my praise.”

Sermon

“What Do You Mean by Faithful?”

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

A Moment to Reflect

Church at Prayer

Rev. Dane Jordan

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

Tillie Tice, Life Deacon and
Stewardship Committee

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



Offertory Anthem

Dr. Katherine Kinsey with the Chancel Choir
Paul Langston

“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.

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!

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Tillie Tice

*Closing Hymn

“Go Forth for God” stanzas 1, 2, and 4

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GOING FORTH

Responding to the Word

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude

“Toccata on OLD HUNDRETH ”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist

Michael Burkhardt

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



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of the marriage of Kelley Chin Tang and Thane Robinson Jones.



We are delighted to welcome Dr. Katherine Kinsey as our guest choral director today.



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



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.

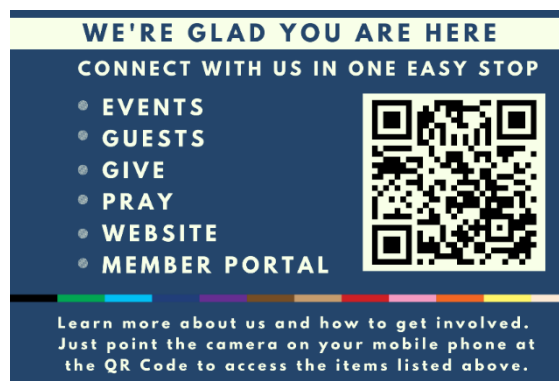


HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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 mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org.



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



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 Ref.

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
Stanza 1 altered, 2015

William M. Runyan, 1923

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Mak - er, there is no shad - ow of
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and stars in their
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear pres - ence to

turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

Refrain
as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see, all I have

need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed, great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Go Forth for God

F C F B $\flat$ F C Dm B $\flat$ C F B $\flat$ D Am C

* 1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
 * 2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
 3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
 * 4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's

B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ D F C F/A C F Dm Bdim D C Dm

* cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
 * faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
 good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
 * peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our

Gm B $\flat$ Gm F/A Gm B $\flat$ A F/A C B $\flat$ D F C F F/A Gsus G

* dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we see face to
 * rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we
 e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his
 * ev - ery gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's

C F C Dm A Dm Gm B $\flat$ Gm F/A Csus C F

* face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
 * seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
 light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
 * power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 18

10:00am-11:30am | Creative Friends – Room 32

Wednesday, November 19

6:30pm-8:00pm | Holiday Book Exchange – Parlor

Thursday, November 20

6:00pm-8:00pm | MeckMIN Interfaith
Friendsgiving Event – Heaton Hall

Sunday, November 23

10:00am-11:00am Worship – Sanctuary

11:15am-12:15pm Spiritual Growth Classes for all
ages – Multiple Locations

We occasionally take photographs during our worship service. If you would prefer not to be included, please contact Laura Geer | Communications Director | lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org.