



The Worship of God

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026 | 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 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

“Idylle mélancolique”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist
Louis Vierne

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, we have come from far and near,

People: gathering as your church;

Leader: eager to hear your call, to make ourselves ready,

People: ready, for an encounter with you that transforms us.

Leader: O God, help us to open our hearts

People: to all you have to offer on this day, and for all the days of our journey.

Dane Jordan

Invocation

*Opening Hymn

“God is Here!”

Number 365
ABBOT’S LEIGH

Welcome

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

Layne Smith



*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Confession

J. Kevin Gray

A Time for Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike,
we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace.**

Search us, O God.

**You know our hearts and know our troubled thoughts.
Give us true repentance. Forgive us our wrongs.
Transform us to live for you each day, learning to serve each other,
and to discover how to love our neighbors with grace and compassion.**

Song of Prayer

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

AFTER PRAYER

Musical score for the song "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord". The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with notes and a bass clef staff with chords. Above the treble staff, the chords D, A, A7, and D are indicated. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; in -". The second system also has a treble clef staff with notes and a bass clef staff with chords. The lyrics are: "cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace."

Words of Assurance

J. Kevin Gray

Leader: Be assured that God is merciful.
Be assured that God's everlasting arms embrace you.
Be assured that you are beloved and forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hebrew Scripture – Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSV)

Fran Morrison, Deacon

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Réphidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So, Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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 Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”

Number 308
FINLANDIA

Sermon

“Are You with Us, Lord?”

Layne Smith

A Moment to Reflect

Musical Reflection

“Give Me Jesus”

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was cry,
dark midnight was my cry give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Mahari Freeman, soprano
arr. Moses Hogan

Church at Prayer

Marina Luckhoo

Invitation to Offering

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

Mary Miller, Deacon



Offertory Anthem

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways,
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Chancel Choir
Carl Mueller

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

**O Glorious God, to you we bring
praise, treasures, lives as offering;
empower each repentant heart
to follow Christ when we depart.**

OLD HUNDREDTH
text by Paula Testerman

*Prayer of Dedication

Mary Miller, Deacon

Invitation to the Table

All are invited to participate in Communion. You may come forward to one of the stations at the front of the Sanctuary to receive bread and juice or pre-packaged, gluten-free elements. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand and a Deacon will assist you.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Music During Communion

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

*Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

Number 309

SLANE

Responding to the Word

Layne Smith

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude

“Cortège”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

Louis Vierne

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



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.

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

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the QR Code to access the items listed above.

Join Us After Worship for a SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP



FAITH & COMMUNITY CLASS

Shalom Hall

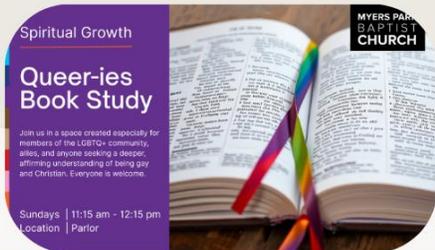
Join us to explore the meteoric rise of women's sports and hear authors Pamela Grundy and Susan Shackleford share insights from *Shattering the Glass*, their celebrated history of women's basketball and its game-changing impact.



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CLASS

Room 254

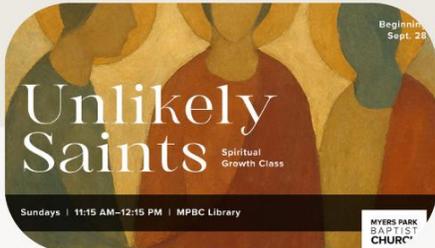
MOJO's Environmental Justice Group (EJ) invites you to a study of the book *On the Swamp: Fighting for Indigenous Environmental Justice* by Duke Professor Dr. Ryan Emanuel, led by Sofia Bartholomew. This powerful book blends scientific insight with storytelling.



QUEER-IES BOOK STUDY

Library

Join us in a space created especially for members of the LGBTQ+ community, allies, and anyone seeking a deeper, affirming understanding of being gay and Christian. Everyone is welcome.



UNLIKELY SAINTS

Room 250

Scripture can be complicated and confusing. To address these challenges, join us as we take an open minded and imaginative approach to seeking how God continues to be known to us through the Bible.



FOR CHILDREN

Room 210

Our loving teachers welcome children in grades 1-5 into a joyful, creative space where friendships grow, faith comes alive through playful activities, and tasty snacks fuel learning. Every child is seen, celebrated, inspired, and encouraged.



FOR YOUTH

Youth Hall

Youth in grades 6-12 gather for meaningful, youth-led sessions exploring biblical journeys and their relevance today through discussion and creativity, building community, deepening faith, and discovering how God walks with us in every moment.

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, March 1

10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary
11:15am-12:15am | Spiritual Growth Classes for all ages – Multiple Locations
11:15am-12:15pm | Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting – Conference Room
4:00pm-6:00pm | The Youth Journey Fellowship – Youth Hall

Tuesday, March 3

10:00am-11:30am | Creative Friends – Room 32
12:00pm-1:30pm | Sage-ing Lunch – Heaton Hall

Sunday, March 8

10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary
11:15am-12:15am | Spiritual Growth Classes for all ages – Multiple Locations
11:15am-12:15pm | Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting – Conference Room
12:15p-1:30p | Second Sunday Lunch Bunch – Queens Cafeteria
4:00pm-6:00pm | The Youth Journey Fellowship – Youth Hall

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.

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