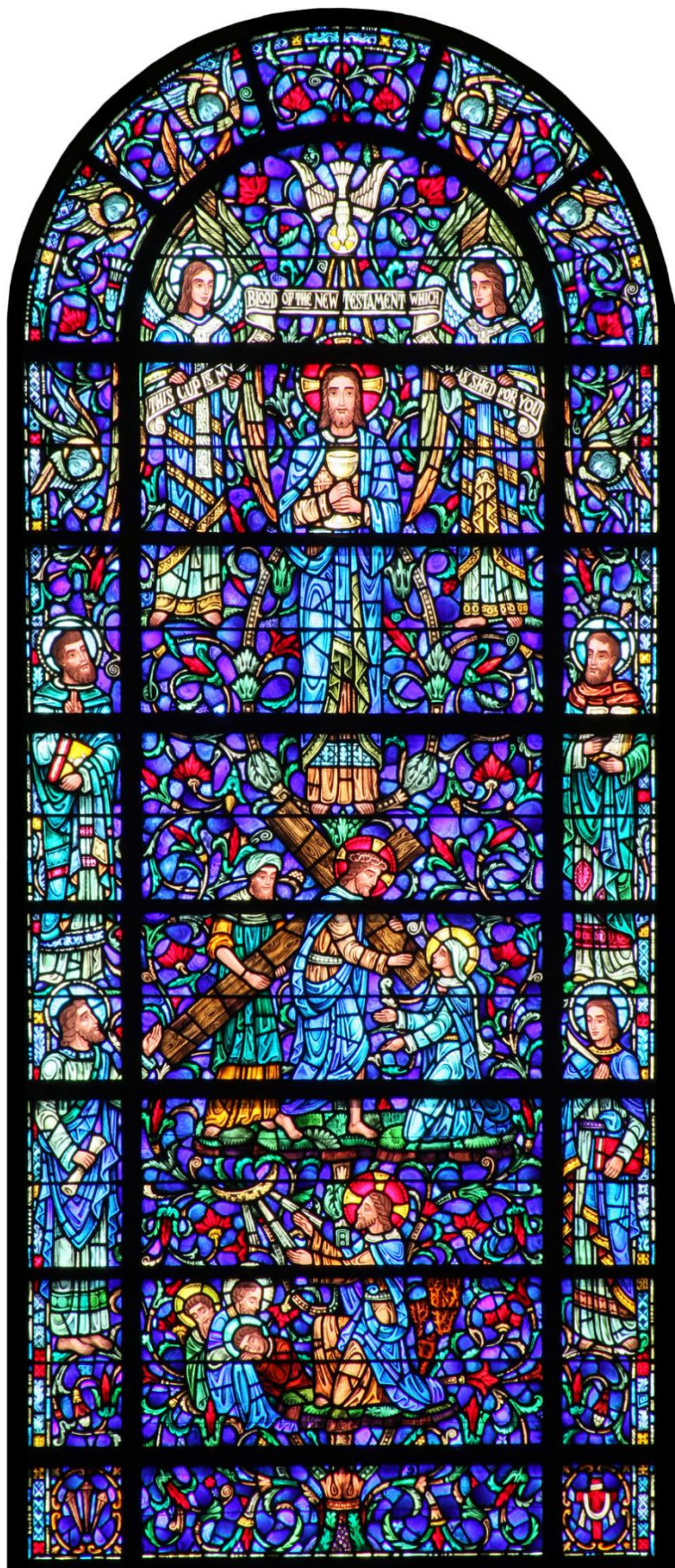




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday

October 19, 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

“Awakening”

Jim Brock, Percussionist; Rebecca Kleinmann, Flutist

Jim Brock

Call to Worship

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Leader: Come, not to compare, but to confess.

People: Come, not to boast, but to be blessed.

Leader: God welcomes the humble, not the proud.

People: Let us worship with open hearts and honest prayers.

Land Acknowledgement

Invocation

***Opening Hymn**

“Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works”

See page 7.
LAQUIPARLE

Welcome of Our Guests

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**

A Moment of Centering

J. Kevin Gray

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.

**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.

BEACH SPRING

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)

Holly Henderson, Deacon

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So, they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Sermon Hymn**

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

“Is it Lawful to Pay Taxes?”

BEECHER

Lord of all, in every nation, may your word be understood —
That we have an obligation to support the common good.
May our taxes, all together, fund our working hand in hand,
so that life will be made better for all people in this land.

Still, we also hear your teaching: “Give to God what God is due.”
May no ruler — overreaching — try to take the place of you.
May we listen to your message, may we honor what is yours;
may we, living in your image, seek your kingdom that endures.

Sermon

“Whose Inscription is on Your Life?”

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

A Moment to Reflect

Musical Reflection

“WADO ULENVHI (Thank You Creator)”

Jim Brock, Percussionist; Rebecca Kleinmann, Flutist

Jim Brock

Church at Prayer

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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

Jay Rivers, Stewardship Committee

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



Offertory Anthem

“The Word Was God ”

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by him;
and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Jim Brock, Percussionist

Rosephanye Powell

John 1:1-3

*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**

Jay Rivers, Stewardship Committee

***Closing Hymn**

“Christ for the World We Sing”

Number 226
ITALIAN HYMN

Responding to the Word

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude

“Postlude on ITALIAN HYMN”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Albert Travis

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



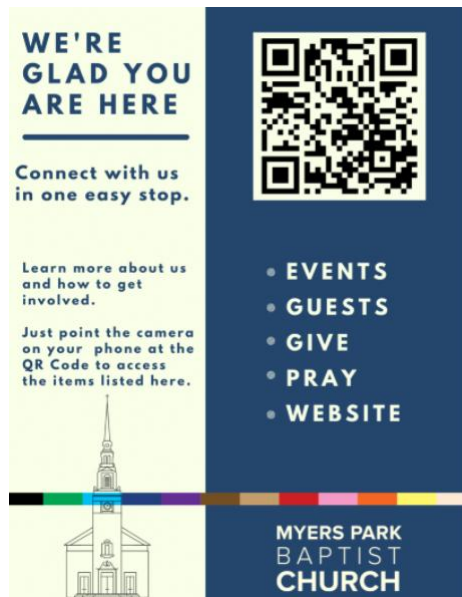
Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
Hannah Combs and Eric Roberts.



*Flowers on the alter are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and honor
of Christa Lee Anderson Overcash by the Overcash family.*



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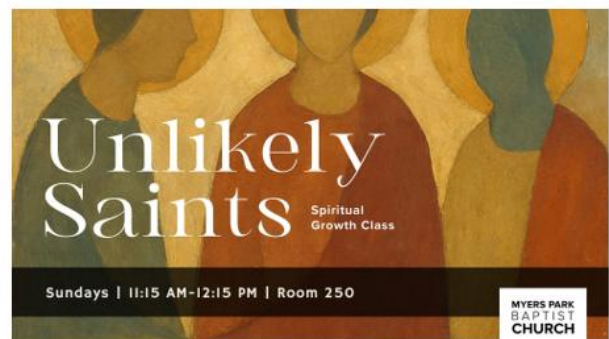


HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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 mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org.

Everyone is invited!

Join us after worship today for Spiritual Growth groups and classes.



Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, Mak - er of
2 Grant un-to us com-mu-nion with thee, thou star-a -

6 earth and sky. Thy hands have set the
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and

11 heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the
dwell with us. With thee are found the

15 moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the
gifts of life. Bless us with life that

19 wa-ters were formed. Deep seas o - bey thy voice.
has no end, e - ter-nal life with thee.

Glory to God 21

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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 19th

10:00am-11:00am Worship – Sanctuary
11:15am-12:15am Spiritual Growth Classes for all ages – Multiple Locations
4:00pm-6:00pm Youth Block

Tuesday, October 21st

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

Wednesday, October 22nd

6:30pm-7:30pm Kingdom of the Poor
Book Study - Library

Sunday, October 26th

10:00am-11:00am Worship – Sanctuary featuring Rev. Dana Cassell
11:15am-12:15am Spiritual Growth Classes for all ages – Multiple Locations
4:00pm-6:00pm Youth Block

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