

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating the Life of Deacon LaForest Williams (81): While we mourn her passing on Jan 16, 2022, her love and leadership live on here at Memorial. In accordance with her wishes, funeral services were held privately.

In-Person Worship: You can find information about registration and our safety and sanitation protocol at MPCCharlotte.org. We thank the Return to Worship Taskforce for planning and executing a faithful and evolving way of gathering in person.

Children and Youth Sunday School: The Educating and Equipping Ministry Team has decided for the purposes of continuity and to avoid the possibility of confusion, to have Live Zoom Sunday School remain at its current time of Sundays at 10:00 a.m. for both the Children (2nd and 4th Sundays) and Youth (1st and 3rd Sundays). If families are unable to attend Live Zoom Sunday School or want to enjoy Sunday School lessons again they are always available online at mpccharlotte.org under Children or Youth Sunday School tabs.

Mission Opportunity: *Rx for Possibility: Scripture says, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10* **Presbyterian Women of Memorial Presbyterian Church invites everyone** to join in supporting Victory Vision Care by Founder Kwame Amanfoh in Rural Ghana. **Our task is to collect gently used prescription eyewear** and financial contributions to bring clearer vision to sisters and brothers an ocean away. The launch date for project is February 2022. Project will end in June 2022. Thank you for your help in this mission effort.

Presbyterian Women: Women of the church are asked to contribute \$60.00 for our assessments this year. Please do what you can to help us with this obligation. This will be due by Sunday, March 13th. If you have already paid, we are very grateful. Thank you.

Memorial PW Monthly Bible Study: Rescheduled to meet this Tuesday, January 25 at 10am. Please contact Mrs. Janet Springs for the Zoom information by phone or text 704.619.4240 if you are interested.

New Pastor: This is our first month with our new Pastor, Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis. We also welcome her husband, Kirk Louis and their children Sariah Louis and Kamden Louis.

Online Giving: Thank you for financially supporting our shared ministry by giving safely and securely at mpccharlotte.org/give, by mail, and in person at the designated offering trays.

January 2022 Memorial Presbyterian Church Calendar

Please email calendar information to mpc2600clerk@outlook.com

Jan. 2	Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m. via Zoom
Jan. 2	COMMUNION SUNDAY	11:00 a.m. via Live Stream
Jan. 2	2nd Sunday After Christmas	11:00 a.m. via Live Stream
Jan. 9	Children's Sunday School	10:00 a.m. via Zoom (Tentative)
Jan. 9	Baptism of the Lord	11:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Live Streaming
Jan. 9	Return to In Person Worship	11:00 a.m. in Sanctuary or Live Stream
Jan. 11	Stated Session Meeting	6:30 p.m. via Zoom
Jan. 16	Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m. via Zoom
Jan. 16	2nd Sunday After Epiphany	11:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Live Streaming
Jan. 18	Deacon's Meeting	6:30 p.m. via Zoom
Jan. 23	Children's Sunday School	10:00 a.m. via Zoom
Jan. 23	3rd Sunday After Epiphany	11:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Live Streaming
Jan. 30	4th Sunday After Epiphany	11:00a.m. Sanctuary & Live Streaming

Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 23, 2022
11:00AM



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Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson, Director of Music

Ms. Cherith Foster, Liturgist

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11:00 A.M. Worship Service
Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 23, 2022

Prelude "Holy, Holy" Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson, Director of Music

Welcoming The Spirit *This Is The Day*

Welcome Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, Pastor

Call to Worship - Psalm 36 (*responsive*):

God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. AMEN.

*Song of Praise *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Invitation to Confession Ms. Cherith Foster, Liturgist

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Ever present One, you call us to be your presence, your body in this world, but too often we get caught up in being a hand or a foot, and lose sight of the overarching mission you set before us. We fracture into pieces. We go our separate ways, forgetting we need each other to be whole. Help us see with new eyes, and hear with the ears of our heart, the liberating spirit of the law that strengthens and revives and enables us to be and do all you call us to be and do. O God of liberation and justice, help us be faithful witnesses to your law of love and unity. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Spirit of God has called us to receive and share the good news of forgiveness and liberation. Believe the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*Response To Forgiveness *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Passing of the Peace

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you! Response: And also with You!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God of all gifts, we share from what we have and from who we are as a sign of our desire to bring good news to the poor. May these gifts bring light to those in need, and put the joy of the Lord in their hearts. We thankfully join with Jesus in proclaiming the year of your favor. Bless our lives and bless our offerings as we seek to bring joy and comfort to those who are unknown to us, and to those who are near and beloved. Amen.

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*Offertory Selection *Here I am Lord*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Psalm 19

Greek Scripture Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Musical Selection *Every Time I Feel The Spirit*

Sermon *An Epic Epiphany: A Season to Hear The Holy*

Response To The Word *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*) Apostles' Creed - PC(USA) Book of Confessions

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *I'm Gonna Live So Go Can Use Me*

I'm gonna live (v. 2 pray, v.3 work, v4. sing) so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

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Charge and Blessing

Postlude *Andante*

Prayer list: Jeanette Alexander, Bob Cannon, Mary Johnson, Selena Johnson and Williams Family