

First Sunday after Christmas

December 28th, 2025 at 10:30am (Onsite & Online)



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UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST
a thoughtful and progressive community of faith

GATHERING

Welcome and Sharing a Meal

Rev. Tyler Ung

*Call to Worship

One: In worship, we hear God's story and we ask,

Many: "What did God do long ago?"

One: In worship, we hear God's story and we ask,

Many: "What is God doing, here and now?"

One: In worship, we hear God's story, then we ask,

Many: "What can I do to respond to it all?"

One: Listen, God is speaking.

Many: Listen, it may be time to act.

One: Let us worship our creative and moving-with-us God. Amen.

HEARING AND RESPONDING

Reading of Scripture

Mary's Magnificat

Rev. Tyler Ung

Hymn Sing

Congregation

"I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day"

1. I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace of earth, good will to all.

2. I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to all.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Affirmation of Community

One: We believe that all people are God's people, that every child is holy, that every person is a part of the sacred family.

Many: We believe that God's love embraces all, and that to exclude any person would be contrary to the message of Jesus.

One: We proclaim that this community of faith, Umstead Park UCC, will strive to be as open as the radical realm of God, and as liberating as the love of Christ.

Many: And so we journey into our hopeful future with joy, pledging to offer each other welcome, compassion and care. May God grant us wisdom, grace, and guidance in our life together.

*Benediction

Postlude

David Wilson

UPUCC Updates

Help Host Healing Transitions on 1st Sundays—Get to know our neighbors!

We host our friends from Healing Transitions on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to help with food, drink, and fellowship, please sign via the link in the Friday email on 12/26.

Giving Opportunities: Staff Love Offering and Pledge Campaign

Our dedicated UPUCC staff enrich our community through meaningful worship, beautiful music, and loving care. A simple way to say thank you is by contributing to the Staff Love Offering. Visit upucc.org/giving, or drop a check in the offering basket with the memo "Staff Love Offering" to help us show our heartfelt appreciation!



Additionally, please consider making a pledge of any amount to help us fund our Ministry Plan for this year. ~\$40,000 is still needed to cover our budgetary needs. The QR code to the right will take you to the pledge form.

JTP Clean-Up Volunteers Requested | Saturday, January 24th at 9:30am

Justice Theater Project is planning to do a clean up of the area behind the worship space that serves as storage for JTP's props, tools, costumes, etc. The clean-up starts at 9:30a.m. They would appreciate having some hands on deck while they get the back organized before their next play. For more information, email Bruklyn Miller at bruklyn@thejusticetheaterproject.org.

Square Dancing | January 31st at 2-4pm

Fellowship is happy to announce that Square Dancing is coming again—save the date! More details to come including a sign-up sheet so we know how many are coming. It will be lots of fun. The event is free but donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of the Caller.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper | February 17th

Save the date for a Mardi Gras Pancake supper! Fellowship will host and more details to come later. If you are interested in volunteering to organize a talent show to accompany the supper (separate from Fellowship Lead Team) please contact Carole Holt at cholt@triad.rr.com.

We're Hiring!

Explore two part-time opportunities—Youth Director and Teaching Intern—in our vibrant, progressive faith community. We are thrilled to have Cody Walter Welch on staff as one teaching intern, and are looking to add to our team!

Ongoing Needs - Food Donations

Food donations are needed—and so are volunteers to deliver them! Bring meal-focused items on Sundays and let Jane Weidig know at womweid@gmail.com if you can help.

Learn more at upucc.org/news!

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Church Staff

Lindsay Cooper, she/her
Nursery Director

Rev. Tyler Ung, they/them
Senior Pastor

Gwen Vass, she/her
Financial Administrator

Cody Walter Welch, he/him/they/them
Teaching Intern

David Wilson, he/him
Director of Music

Rev. Paula Womack, she/her
Associate Pastor

A special "Thank You" to this week's volunteers!

Bill Yoder (he/him), AV Team

Nevin Fouts, AV Team

Nina Nalle Robinson (she/her), Greeter

Kailina Grace (she/her), Greeter

Bob Martin, Usher/Auditor

We at
Umstead Park
United Church of Christ
welcome and affirm all
as we journey to seek
the divine, to embody loving
community, and to strive for
justice as a progressive
community of
faith.

Giving

Scan the QR code to make a one-time or recurring donation!

Visiting?

You are invited to fill out the online visitor form so that we can get to know you!

Realm

Access your Realm account