

Purveyors of Awe

"Awe"

First Sunday After the Epiphany
January 11th, 2026 at 10:30am (onsite and online)



Umstead Park
United Church of Christ

GATHERING

Welcome and a Time of Greeting

Rev. Tyler Ung

Invocation[†]

Bob Martin

Meditation[†]

"Visio Divina - Purveyors of Awe"

*"Visio Divina" is a contemplative way of seeing and praying with an image (today, a video).
We open our hearts, look deeply and notice, feel and receive.*

Prelude

David Wilson

***Call to Worship**

Kailina Grace

One: Beckoned to this place of belonging, we, of Umstead Park United Church of Christ, with body, mind, and spirit, gather to worship, serve, and proclaim God, unknowable mystery whose center is love, and Jesus the Christ, who makes this loving mystery known.

Many: **With inarticulate words and unfinished lives, we yearn to further embody this holy love, shaping the future as partners with God, who dances and weeps with us along the way.**

-from the UPUCC Covenant

Choir Anthem

"Send Us Forth"
(see insert)

UPUCC Choir

Time with Children

Rev. Tyler Ung

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, in love God made them all.

HEARING AND RESPONDING

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 5:7
(see insert)

Bob Martin

Sermon

"Choosing Awe"

Rev. Paula Womack

***Responsive Hymn**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
(see insert)

Congregation

Prayers of the People

Rev. Tyler Ung



You are invited to share names or brief joys and concerns.
To submit written prayer requests for the weekly email, visit
tinyurl.com/upuccprayers, or scan the QR code to the left.

Celebration of Gifts (Offertory)

Rev. Tyler Ung

[†] Please rise in body or in spirit.

[†]Liturgy by Worship Design Studio

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Blessing of the Waters

Baptism of Kailina Grace Nalle

Rev. Tyler Ung

One: Hear the pledges we make to you.

Many: Nina, as we walk with you on the great journey of faith, we promise to give you our love and support, joyfully acknowledging that we, too, are a part of your family.

Dear Kailina, we pray that you will feel our care in the ways that we welcome you, listen to you, laugh and cry with you; and that you will be empowered by the warmth and protection of this community. As you grow among us, we will eagerly celebrate your life and the unique gifts you bring to us.

And we give thanks to you, life-giving God, and pledge to cherish this young life among us. Continue to guide us as we strive to build a community rich in your Spirit in which this child can find nurture.

*Sending Hymn

#336, "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"
(verses 1 and 5)

Congregation

Announcements

*Affirmation of Community

Bob Martin

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

Rev. Paula Womack

Postlude

David Wilson

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UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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!

Reed Altman, AV Team

Peter van Dorsten (he/him), AV Team

Rebecca van Dorsten (she/her), Coffee Set-Up/Greeter

Lee Harrison (he/him), Assistant Treasurer

Bob Martin (he/him), Auditor/Usher/Lay Leader

Amy Lewis, Usher

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



Supplemental Texts and Hymns

Choir Anthem

“Send Us Forth”

Text and Music by
Thomas Keesecker

Let us walk in the light of the One who is Christ.
Let us walk in the light of God’s love.
Let us shine, let us grow in the love God has shown.
Let us walk in the light of God’s love.

Seek the star that will lead in the sky high above,
Seek the star that will lead us to hope.
Glowing warm, glowing bright, shining star in the night,
Seek the star that will lead us to hope.

Send us forth to bring peace, earth and heaven will meet,
Send us forth to bring peace to the world.
Open hearts, open hands, reaching out to all lands,
Send us forth to bring peace to the world.

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 5:7

Bob Martin

“⁷ But I, because of your great love, will enter your house; I will worship in your holy temple in awe and reverence.”

*Responsive Hymn

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Congregation

1. I sing the__ might - y power of God that made the moun - tains rise, That
2. I sing the__ good - ness of our God that filled the earth with food; God
3. On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known. The
spread the__ flow - ing seas a - broad, and built__ the loft - y skies. I__
formed the__ crea - tures with a word, and then__ pro - nounced them good. Oh,
clouds a - rise and spread their showers on seeds that you have sown. All
sing the wis - dom that or - dained the__ sun to rule the day; The
how your won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye: If
life is but a gift from you and__ ev - er in your care; Wher -
moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all__ the stars o - bey.
I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
ev - er__ peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

UPUCC Updates

Covenant Leadership Circle Meeting | Today after worship

You are invited to attend the Covenant Leadership Circle (CLC) for their monthly meeting after church in the library. You may bring a bag lunch, or partake in some of the snacks we often have on hand. All are welcome.

Rev. Tyler Ung Parental Leave | January 12 - March 7

January 11th is Tyler's last Sunday before their parental leave. While Tyler is away, our associate pastor Rev. Paula Womack will step into an expanded leadership role, along with several guest preachers.

Staff Love Offering

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 to help us show our heartfelt appreciation!

Potluck and Congregational Meeting Sunday | January 18th after worship

We will gather after worship on the 18th for a potluck and congregational meeting. You are invited to bring a dish to share as you are able. Bring your appetite for food and church business!

Clean Up Day | Saturday, January 24th at 9:30

There are two opportunities coming up for you to connect with our neighbors: First, Justice Theater Project is planning to do a clean up of the area behind the worship space starting at 9:30am. For more information, email Brooklyn Miller at brooklyn@thejusticetheaterproject.org. Second, we are having another Brownleigh Drive Clean-Up in coordination with Healing Transitions and The Great Raleigh Clean-Up, also at 9:30am.

Square Dancing | January 31st at 2-4pm

Join us January 31, Sat from 2-4pm for Square Dancing. We had a great time with this event last year. No experience needed. No charge but donations are accepted to offset the cost of the Caller. Bring yourself and some friends and join us! Sign up via the link on the "News" page of the website.

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.

Ash Wednesday | February 18th at 12pm

Save the Date: On Wednesday, February 18 at 12:00 p.m., you are invited to an Imposition of Ashes onsite in the UPUCC sanctuary or online via Zoom.

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!

Nertz Meet-Up Group

David Wilson is in the midst of starting a Raleigh Nertz Meet-Up group. If interested, feel free to join the Meetup group linked in the Friday email, or contact David directly (david@upucc.org).

Learn more at upucc.org/news!