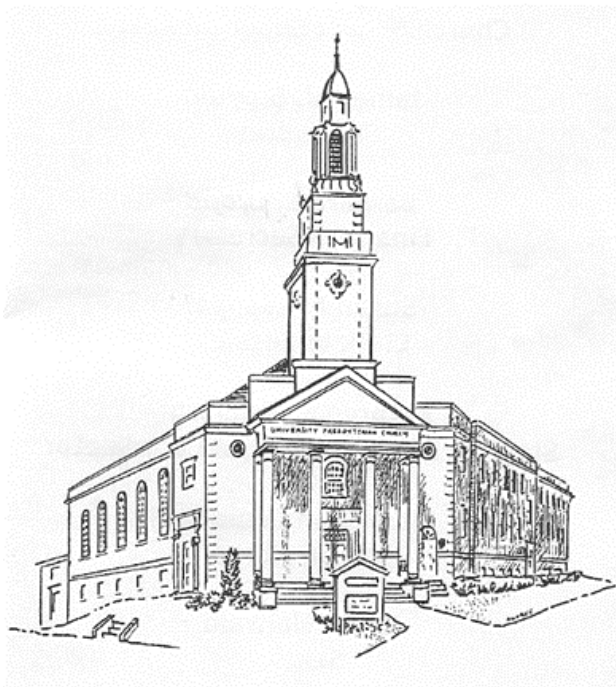


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Sunday, November 20, 2022

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we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives.

We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have lived in fear of death and loss; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Therefore we pray:

One: Break our rebellious will.

All: Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace.

One: Expose our insincere thoughts.

All: Give us integrity in our quest for truth.

One: Release us from the fear of death.

All: Grant us courage in the face of evil.

One: Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.

All: Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.

For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

(There follows a moment of silent personal confession)

Assurance of God's Grace

One: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Through Christ our Lord, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

+* Song of Praise **(in unison)** (#582 hymnal)

Glorify to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace and Greetings

As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another. Worshippers may greet one another with a hand shake, fist bump, or steepled hands saying, "the peace of Christ be with you."

+*Sung response (sung to the tune of Hymn 400) **(In unison)**
Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination **(In unison)**
Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word; by your Spirit free us from the power of darkness and show to us the inheritance of the saints of light. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20 (p. 200 of the NT in pew Bible)

Second Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:33-43 (p. 89 of the NT in pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Musical Proclamation *Now Thank We All Our God*
arr. Michael Rosewall

Sermon "Christ Forever Our King"

*Hymn #268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering
With gratitude, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Musical Offering "Prelude on St. Columba" H. Willan
Traditional Irish Melody

Doxology (Hymn 592) **(In unison)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication of Offering

Almighty God, receive our offering for the sake of Christ our Lord
Make us worthy stewards of your gifts
and generous citizens of the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ,
through whom we pray. **Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

.....(*concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn #267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*Benediction

Postlude "Nun Danket Alle Gott" S. Karg-Elert

"Now Thank We All Our God"

(The congregation is invited to remain seated during the Postlude)

*congregation may stand

+latecomers may be seated

Our chancel flowers are given by Grace Yockey
in loving memory of her husband, Bill Yockey.

Participating in Worship: The Rev. Dorothy Pearman, Guest Preacher

Gregory White, Interim Organist
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Val Macer, Liturgist

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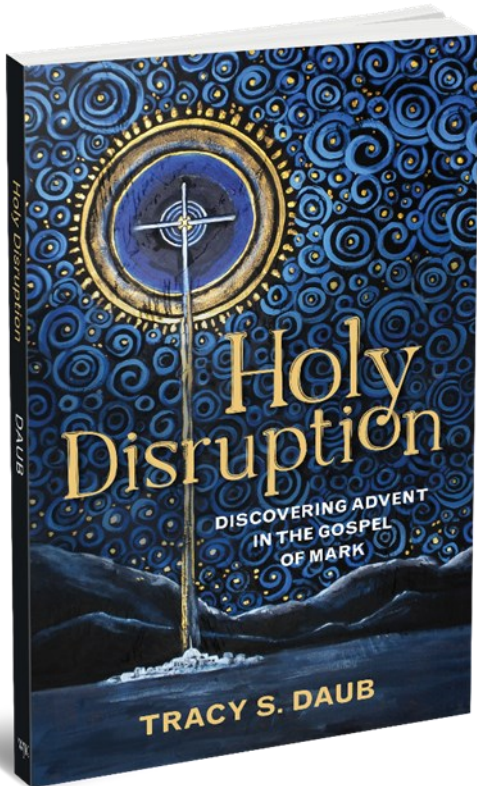
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Sunday, Nov. 20	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
Tuesday, Nov. 22	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Nov. 24	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office Closed</i>	
Friday, Nov. 25	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office Closed</i>	
Sunday, Nov. 27	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour

JOIN US FOR A STUDY SERIES BASED ON

Holy Disruption, by Tracy S. Daub



Mondays beginning Nov. 28 – Dec. 19

9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Join us on Zoom each Monday in Advent for a discussion of the corresponding chapter in the book. Each chapter stands alone, so feel free to attend whenever you are able!

The Zoom link is emailed each week. Books are available online through Amazon, Westminster John Knox press, or Barnes and Noble.

The Gospel of Mark doesn't have a nativity story—so where's the Advent message? It's in every aspect of Jesus' life, to his death and beyond. The Incarnation—God come to earth in human form to be baptized, teach, heal, eat, and die—is what we celebrate at Christmas, and Mark shows us just how radical and celebration-worthy it is! *Holy Disruption* presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through Mark's disquieting gospel which invites its readers to experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world.

This year our church will use the season of Advent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year.

Welcome Visitors

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), its members and officers, welcomes you today. Your presence strengthens our faith and our commitment as Christ's disciples.

University Presbyterian Church welcomes all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus—the way of compassion and justice—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. Moreover, UPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

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Mission Statement of University Presbyterian Church

We are a hungry people who receive Christ, the Bread of Life, who sustains us on our journey. We strive to feed as we are fed, sharing the Bread to nourish others in body, mind and spirit.

“Let Us Be Bread”