



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

God has called University Baptist Church to minister to the University Community and to the residents of the Greater Charlottesville-Albemarle Community, serving as agents of Christ's love and justice for those in need and offering a vital family of faith.

February 1, 2026
4th Sunday After the Epiphany

GATHERING

Marking the Hour

Opening Words

Dr. Matthew Tennant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Prelude

Variations on Holy Manna

arr. Raymond Haan

Lighting the Candles

We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

*Call to Worship

Luna Ohlms

We long to abide in the tent of the Divine, to dwell on the hill of the Holy One.
We long to be fully present with God in this time and place where God is fully present with us.
In this space of worship, let us speak truth
and receive truth.
Let us honor those who honor God,
and let us *be* those who honor God.
In this time of worship, let us remember the commitments we have made
and receive strength to stand by them. Let us join together in worship.

*Hymn 404

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

*Invocation

Alden Pinkham

Greeting

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Anthem

What Does the Lord Require?

Eric Nelson

Sanctuary Choir

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.
Rulers of earth, give ear!
Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Then do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.
How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace.

HEARING

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 1:6-8 (p.757)

Lily Gregg

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 372

O For a World

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Morning Prayer

Rev. Megan Sharp

Assurance of Forgiveness

In thirsting for justice, **we receive living water;**
in sharing pain, **we also share joy;**
in facing human judgement,
God heaps blessings upon us beyond anything the world has power to give.
And so we proclaim together:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Doxology 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12 (p.785-86)

Diane Mundell

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

H. Walford Davies

Sanctuary Choir

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God.
The secret for the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Sermon	Justice? What Justice? <i>At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit to attend Worship+Wonder in the Children's Suite.</i>	Dr. Tennant
Meditation		Barbara Moore
RESPONDING		
Celebration of the Lord's Supper		Dr. Tennant
Invitation		Dr. Tennant
*Hymn 361	<i>O Christ, the Great Foundation</i>	AURELIA
Benediction	<i>What Does the Lord Require of You? (Hymn 70)</i> Sanctuary Choir	Jim Strathdee
*Postlude	<i>Glorificamus</i>	John Redford
<i>*Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.</i>		

Instrumentalist:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore

This Week at UBC

<p>SUNDAY, Feb. 1</p> <p>8:30 Church Council Meeting 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 College Bagel Brunch 4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal 5:30 College Dinner 6:00 PACEM Overnight</p> <p>MONDAY, Feb. 2</p> <p>4:00 Theology Reading Group 6:00 PACEM Overnight</p> <p>TUESDAY, Feb. 3</p> <p>12:00 Security Task Force Meeting 6:00 PACEM Overnight 7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, Feb. 4</p> <p>9:00 Work Team 5:15 Sanctuary Bells 6:00 PACEM Overnight 6:00 Church Conference 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>THURSDAY, Feb. 5</p> <p>6:00 PACEM Overnight</p> <p>FRIDAY, Feb. 6</p> <p>6:00 PACEM Overnight</p> <p>SATURDAY, Feb. 7</p> <p>6:00 PACEM Overnight</p>
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University Baptist Church

Thank you for coming to worship today. We are blessed by your presence, and we trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

About Us: University Baptist Church is a vibrant community of faith, bringing together university students and area residents in worship, study, and service to our community. We seek to be an authentic community of Christians who love and care for each other as a family, and openly welcome and include all people regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or background. We believe that all people have important gifts to share in God's family, working together as the hands and feet of our good and loving God. Learn more at universitybaptist.org.

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