



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH Charlottesville, VA

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.

December 7, 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Marking the Hour

Opening Words

Seraphine Abannoh

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

Prelude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

setting by J.S. Bach

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.

Choral Introit

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hymn 82)
Jubilate

Mark Miller

Can you imagine?
The wolf lives with the lamb; the leopard rests with the goat.
Can you imagine?
Knowledge of the Lord fills the land; righteousness reigns over all the earth.
The Lord's light shines on a weary world illuminating possibility, beckoning hope.
With peace in our hearts, let us worship God.

*Call to Worship

Eden Hunter

*Hymn 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

William Kuebler, Maren Keplinger, Simone Spalding

Sung Response - Hymn 95

Prepare the Way of the Lord
sung by choir and then congregation

PREPARE THE WAY

*Invocation Eddy Tennant

Greeting

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Anthem *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Hymn 129)* arr. John Yarrington
Jubilate

HEARING

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:1-12 (p.784) Najor Bennam
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL
vs. 1-3, 5

Morning Prayer Bailey Carver

Assurance of Forgiveness

The God who formed us and keeps us in love is always drawing near to us in Christ,
bringing life and salvation to all.
Rest in this promise: Christ has come, Christ is coming, and Christ will come again.
Let us rest in God's forgiving grace. Amen.

*Doxology GLORIA

**Let the nations shout and sing, glory to their Savior bring.
All below and all above sing your praise with joy and love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10 (p.558) Elizabeth Reid
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Walk in Light* Karen Marrolli
Jubilate

And we shall study war no more. Come, O people, O come and walk in the light of the Lord.
And we shall walk the paths of peace. Come, O people, O come and walk in the light of the Lord.
The night is far spent; the day is at hand. And we shall study war no more.
So let us cast off the works of the night so we may wear a Shield of Day.
Evermore and evermore. Dona nobis pacem.

Sermon Be Poor & Meek This Christmas Dr. Matthew Tennant
*At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit
to attend Worship+Wonder in the Children's Suite.*

Meditation *O Magnum Mysterium* Evan Ramos
Jubilate

RESPONDING

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| Celebration of the Lord's Supper | <i>Hymn 92: While We Are Waiting, Come</i> <i>Hymn 90: Wait for the Lord</i> | Dr. Tennant |
| Invitation | | Dr. Tennant |
| *Hymn 96 | <i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</i> | WINCHESTER NEW |
| Choral Benediction | <i>Beautiful Savior</i> Jubilate | arr. Tom Fettke |
| Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God, and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown! Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirits sing. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever, forevermore be Thine! Now and forevermore be Thine! | | |
| Postlude | <i>Joy to the World</i> | arr. Michael Burkhardt |

**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

Instrumentalists:

Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Handbells: Hadessah Johnson, Rachel Miller;
Percussion: Bobby Gregg, Calvin Gregg; Violin: Luna Ohlms

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, Dec. 7

8:30 Church Council Meeting
9:30 Seekers and ESOL Classes
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 College Christmas Feast

TUESDAY, Dec. 9

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle Meeting
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PB&J Bible Study
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Christmas Carol Sing
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, Dec. 11

1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, Dec. 12

5:30 Christmas Lights Tour 1
6:30 Christmas Lights Tour 2
7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle Meeting
8:00 Youth Lock-In

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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