



# 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.

## January 11, 2026 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

### 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

*Fugue in A Major*

William Selby

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

Phoebe Fant

In the waters of baptism,  
**God marks us as kindred in his name.**  
In the waters of baptism,  
**the heavens open up and the Spirit pours out love.**  
In the waters of baptism  
**God names us Beloved.**  
In the waters of baptism,  
**God claims us as her own.**

\*Hymn 297

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

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\*Invocation

Rev. Megan Sharp

Greeting

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Anthem	<i>When Jesus Came to Jordan</i> Sanctuary Choir	Frits Mehrstens
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When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon, but as God's holy one.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.  
He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss; for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended on him, the holy one, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace begun.

## HEARING

Gospel Lesson	Matthew 3:13-17 (p.784-85)	Pam Hallissy
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God!		

*Hymn 282	<i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i>	DOWN AMPNEY
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Morning Prayer		Tommy Deal
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Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news:  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
Jesus sets us free and calls us to join in God's revolution.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Doxology 609	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</b>		
<b>praise God, all creatures high and low.</b>		
<b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b>		
<b>Praise God, in Jesus fully known:</b>		
<b>Creator, Word, and Spirit one.</b>		
<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b>		

Epistle Lesson	Acts: 10:34-43 (p.895)	Dean Tennant
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God!		

Anthem	<i>Draw the Circle Wide</i> Sanctuary Choir	Mark Miller
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Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song:  
no one stands alone. Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Sermon	God Shows No Partiality	Dr. Tennant
<i>At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit to attend Worship+Wonder in the Children's Suite.</i>		

## RESPONDING

Meditation		Barbara Moore
Invitation		Dr. Tennant
*Hymn 265	<i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun vs. 1-4</i>	DUKE STREET
*Benediction		Dr. Tennant
*Postlude	<i>Voluntary in B-flat</i>	Edward Elgar
<i>*Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.</i>		

Instrumentalists:  
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Percussion: Bobby Gregg

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## This Week at UBC

<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 11</b> 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship  <b>TUESDAY, Jan. 13</b> 11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle Meeting 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal	<b>WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14</b> 9:00 Work Team 10:00 PB&J Bible Study 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 Sanctuary Bells 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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## Your Active Deacons

### Through 2026

Shirley Clark  
Ray Gaines  
Jimmy Li  
Sheri Owen

### Through 2027

Rachel Miller  
Peter Ohlms  
Alden Pinkham  
Raynell Stokes

### Through 2028

Lily Gregg  
Jen May  
Scott Miller  
Eddy Tennant

# 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](http://universitybaptist.org).

**Newsletter:** If you would like to stay updated on all the latest news and events at UBC, please call or email the church office at [linda@universitybaptist.org](mailto:linda@universitybaptist.org).

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