



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 8, 2026
5th 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

Lord, You Give the Great Commission (Hymn 298)

arr. Gordon Young

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

Calvin Gregg

We are salt for the earth.

We are light for the world.

Just as no one hides a lamp away,

we will offer the world what only we can give.

In shining our lights, we will remember:

We are not the only ones with vital wisdom.

Grateful for mutual enlightenment,

we will not outshine another's beam with ours.

Let us join together in worship.

*Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*Invocation

Rev. Megan Sharp

Greeting

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by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

Anthem *This Little Light of Mine* African-American spiritual
Sanctuary Choir arr. Ronald Turner
Soloist: Dean Tennant

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
All through the night I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
My light reflects the love of Jesus, his love, his life so freely giv'n.
A gift of love and light for my salvation; light of the world, now shine through me.
Wherever I may go, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:13-20 (p.786) Phoebe Fant
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

Morning Prayer Gary Dalton

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 *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!**

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (p.927) Herman Eaker
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *We Will Be the Light* Victor C. Johnson
Voces Laetae
Director: Will Cook

In a world filled with sorrow. In a world full of despair.
We will offer hope, we will offer peace, and help turn doubt into belief.
We will rise with understanding amid chaos and strife.
We will work to banish pain, and build a world of hope again, a world where love and truth shall reign!
We will be the light in a darkened world. Let our flames burn bright and break the bonds of night.
As we journey together, we bind our hearts as one and sing with courage and might,
"we will be the light." Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury pardon. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy. Where there is darkness light!
We will be the light in a darkened world. Let our flames burn bright and break the bonds of night.
As we journey together, we bind our hearts as one and sing with courage and might. We will be the light!

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.

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.

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