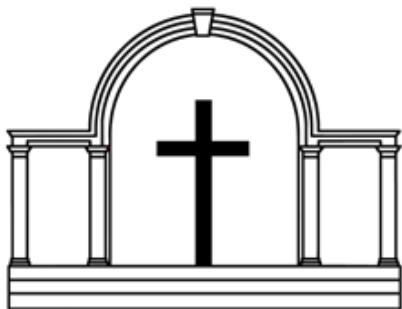




UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

November 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent

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

A Meditation on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (Hymn 129) arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

Ingrid Flaherty

Come, all who seek truth. Let us go up to the Lord's house,

that we might learn holy ways and follow right paths.

Come, all nations, all peoples; stream through open gates,

that we might gather in the hallways of justice, and in the courts of peace.

Come, children of God; let us walk in the light of the Lord!

With hope in our hearts, let us worship God.

*Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
v. 1, 4, 6, 7

VENI EMMANUEL

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

The Ohlms Family

Sung Response - Hymn 95

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

PREPARE THE WAY

Invocation

Rachel Miller

Greeting

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Mission Moment

Global Missions

Jen May

Anthem

O Day of God, Draw Nigh
Sanctuary Choir

Eugene Butler

O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in pow'r;
come with Thy timeless judgments now to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.
Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife Thy sov'reign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh, as at creation's birth; let there be light again, and set Thy judgments in the earth.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44 (p.806)

Mary Jo Hendricks

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 107

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
v. 1: solo, vs. 2-4: congregation

REJOICE, REJOICE

Morning Prayer

Rev. Megan Sharp

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 2:1-5 (p.550)

Jackie Lockwood

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Thou Shalt Know Him
Sanctuary Choir

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums, nor his manners, nor his airs,
nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown,
but his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Amen.

Sermon	No Swords for Christmas <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		
Invitation		Dr. Tennant
*Hymn 104	<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i>	VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
Benediction		Dr. Tennant
Postlude	<i>Adoro Te Devote</i>	Léon Boëllmann
Instrumentalist: Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore		

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, Nov. 30 9:30 Seekers and ESOL Classes 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal 6:00 College Dinner MONDAY, Dec. 1 4:00 Theology Reading Group	TUESDAY, Dec. 2 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3 9:00 Work Team 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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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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