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.

November 15, 2026
24th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

Marking of the Hour — Barbara Moore

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 — *Well He Knows What Best to Grant Me* — arr. Paul Manz

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 — Russell Pinkham

We lift our eyes to you.
We raise our voices.
The day of the Lord is near,
coming like a thief in the night.
The day of the Lord is near:
the day is coming quickly.
The day of the Lord is near,
and we are your good and faithful servants.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn 20 — *All Things Bright and Beautiful* — ROYAL OAK

*Invocation — Rev. Allison Benfield

Greeting

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Stewardship Moment — Alden Pinkham

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem — *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* — Healey Willan

Sanctuary Choir

Sing to the Lord of harvest. Sing songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move.
Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.
By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring.
The hills leap up in gladness. The valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase.
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.
Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave.
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet ye fall.
And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 25:14-30 (p.807) — Jackie Lockwood

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 708 — *We Give Thee but Thine Own* — SCHUMANN

Morning Prayer — Rev. Megan Sharp

Assurance of Forgiveness

God has destined us not for wrath,
but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died for us so that we may live with him.
And so we declare that we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Doxology 607 — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* — OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson — Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (p.765-66) — Ray Gaines

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Anthem — *Treasures in Heaven* — Joseph Clokey

Sanctuary Choir

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt,
and where thieves break through and steal.
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n, for where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.
Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find:
knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
For ev'ry one that asketh receiveth, and she that seeketh findeth,
and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Sermon — God's Words for Morally Bankrupt & Self-Indulgent People — Dr. Tennant

At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit to attend Children's Church in the Children's Suite.

Meditation — Barbara Moore

RESPONDING

Invitation — Dr. Tennant

*Hymn 716 — *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* — BEACH SPRING

Please bring your stewardship pledge cards forward during the hymn of response.

*Benediction — Dr. Tennant

*Postlude — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* — arr. Paul Langston

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

Instrumentalist:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, Nov. 15
8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
9:30 Seekers Bible Study
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 College Bagel Brunch
4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
5:30 College Dinner

MONDAY, Nov. 16
4:00 Theology Reading Group

TUESDAY, Nov. 17
7:30 Voces Laetae Concert

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 18
9:00 Work Team
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal
6:00 Program
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, Nov. 19
6:00 Friendsgiving Dinner

FRIDAY, Nov. 20
5:30 Jazz Vespers

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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