



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.

December 28, 2025
1st Sunday After Christmas

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

Rise Up, Shepherds and Follow

arr. Anna Laura Page

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

Laura Morris

Beloved, let us give thanks for all that God has done for us.
We give thanks for God's mercy and steadfast love.
In times of distress, we know the presence of Immanuel, God-with-us.
Both day and night, the Light of the World leads us.
Come, let us walk in the light of God!
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

*Invocation

Scott Miller

Greeting

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

Stewardship Moment

Debby Johnson

Anthem

Sweet, Holy Child
Soloist: Ingrid Flaherty

Mary Caldwell

What shall I bring for the sweet, holy Child who has but the straw for a bed?
Shall I bring stars for a wee silver crown to place by his dear little head?
Gold from the sun shall I bring for a light. Softest of moonbeams to garland the night.
Gentle white lambs for his delight, sweet Jesus, the Lord of my heart.
What shall I bring for the sweet holy Child who smiles as he wakes from his sleep?
Roses so fair and a soft blanket warm, all these the young Jesus may keep.
Songs for his joy and delight I shall bring, all of my heart for this dear little King.
Love and devotion the tribute I bring, sweet Jesus, the Lord of my life.
Lullay, lully, thou sweet holy Child, I bring thee a lullaby song.
Dreamless thy slumber for night winds are still.
The wise men and shepherds have gone. Far in the eastern sky shadows appear.
Hush, little Prince-ling, there's nothing to fear.
Soft as an echo thy name I hear, sweet Jesus, the Savior of all.

Star Word Reflections

Raynell Stokes
Larry Johnson
Susan Hellings

HEARING

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:19-23 (p.784)

Peter Ohlms

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 147

The First Nowell (verses 1-4)

THE FIRST NOWELL

Morning Prayer

Kevin Adams

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the promise of the Lord:
See, our salvation has come!
You are a holy people, redeemed by God;
sought out and not forsaken.
Then let us proclaim together:
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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.**

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 2:10-18 (p.971-72)

George Martin

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Growing Through Suffering

Dr. Tennant

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

RESPONDING

Meditation		Barbara Moore
Invitation		Dr. Tennant
*Hymn 152	<i>What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright</i>	PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
*Benediction		Dr. Tennant
*Postlude	<i>The Son of God Has Come</i>	setting by J. S. Bach

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

Instrumentalist:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, Dec. 28 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study <i>The Seekers Class will not meet today.</i> 11:00 Morning Worship MONDAY, Dec. 29 1:30 Intergenerational Games Day	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31 Church Office Closed THURSDAY, Jan. 1 Church Office Closed FRIDAY, Dec. Jan. 2 1:30 Nominating Committee Meeting
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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.

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