



# 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 18, 2026  
2nd Sunday After the Epiphany**

## GATHERING

Marking the Hour

Opening Words

Rev. Megan Sharp

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Prelude

*Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him*

arr. Wilbur Held

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

Mary Jo Hendricks

We are the church:

**sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints.**

We are the church:

**together with those in every place who call on the name of Jesus Christ.**

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn 53

*O God, Who Gives Us Life*

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\*Invocation

Laura Morris

Greeting

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

Anthem	<i>Lamb of God</i> Sanctuary Choir	John Reim
	Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. With Your stripes we are healed. The Lord has placed on You the iniquity of all. Have mercy. The chastisement of our peace was upon You. You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. You were despised and we esteemed you not. Grant us peace.	
	<b>HEARING</b>	
Gospel Lesson	John 1:29-42 (p.862)	Chris Hellings
Leader: The Word of the Lord. <b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>		
*Hymn 39	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	FAITHFULNESS
Morning Prayer		Rev. Sharp
Assurance of Forgiveness	From age to age, from generation to generation, <b>God's mercy never fails.</b> Hear the good news! <b>In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.</b>	
*Doxology 609	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> 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!	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-7 (p.592)	Hadessah Johnson
Leader: The Word of the Lord. <b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>		
Anthem	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Hymn 182)</i> Sanctuary Choir	traditional Scottish
Sermon	A Light For the Nations <i>At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit to attend Worship+Wonder in the Children's Suite.</i>	Dr. Jerusha Tiller

## RESPONDING

Meditation		Barbara Moore
Invitation		Rev. Sharp
*Hymn 744	<i>Arise, Your Light Is Come!</i>	FESTAL SONG
*Benediction		Rev. Sharp
*Postlude	<i>Postlude on "Jesus' Name"</i>	arr. Wilbur Held

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

Instrumentalists:

Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Violins: Ezra Flaherty, Luna Ohlms; Cello: Dan Pinkham

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## This Week at UBC

<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 18</b> 8:30 Finance Committee Meeting 8:30 JARC Meeting 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 College Bagel Brunch 4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal 5:30 Student Dinner  <b>MONDAY, Jan. 19</b> Church Office Closed	<b>TUESDAY, Jan. 20</b> 12:00 Security Task Force 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal  <b>WEDNESDAY, Jan. 21</b> 9:00 Work Team 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 Sanctuary Bells 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  <b>FRIDAY, Jan. 23</b> 5:30 Jazz Vespers
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While Dr. Tennant is away in Chapel Hill celebrating his nephew's ordination as a deacon and preaching at Hillside Baptist Church, we welcome Rev. Dr. Jerusha Tiller to our pulpit. Dr. Tiller is the Supervising Chaplain of central VA and the institutional chaplain at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women—the largest, maximum security women's prison in Virginia. A graduate of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond and the Union Presbyterian Seminary, Jerusha has also taught world religions at Virginia

# 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).

**Additional Parking:** Additional parking is available at the 14th St. Garage. Just show them your bulletin when you leave.

**Worship Online:** Visit [universitybaptist.org/live](http://universitybaptist.org/live) to download the Sunday worship bulletin and find instructions for how to watch live services online or listen on the radio.

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