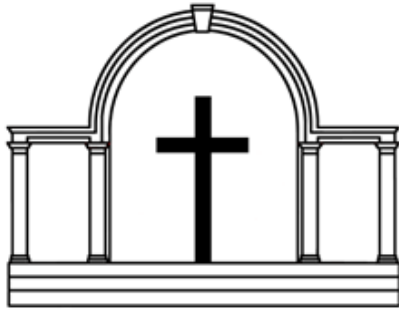




# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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 16, 2025**  
**23rd Sunday After Pentecost**

## 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

*Trumpet Tune in C*

Alice Jordan

*"With trumpets make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord" - Ps. 98:6*

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

Surely, God is our salvation,  
**we will trust and not be afraid,**  
for the Lord our God is strong and mighty;  
**God has become our salvation.**  
Sing praise to the Lord, for God has done amazing things;  
**let this be known in all the earth.**  
Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 645

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

\*Invocation

Debby Johnson

Greeting

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| Mission Moment | Puerto Rico Mission                              | Raynell Stokes |
| Anthem         | <i>The Chorister's Prayer</i><br>Sanctuary Choir | Jacob Dishman  |

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants, who minister in Thy temple.  
 Grant that, what we sing with our lips,  
 we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts,  
 we may show forth in our lives.  
 Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants, who minister in Thy temple, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## HEARING

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| Gospel Lesson                 | Luke 21:5-19 (p.856) | Glenna Ohlms |
| Leader: The Word of the Lord. |                      |              |
| People: Thanks be to God!     |                      |              |

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| *Hymn 351 | <i>All Who Love and Serve Your City</i><br>v. 1 solo; v. 2-4 congregation | CHARLESTOWN |
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| Morning Prayer |  | Rev. Megan Sharp |
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Assurance of Forgiveness

The God who challenges us  
**is also the God who encourages us.**  
 The God who confronts us  
**is also the God who accepts us.**  
 Be assured that God is with us even now,  
**accepting, guiding, and forgiving. Thanks be to God!**

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| *Doxology 607 | <i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i><br>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;<br>praise Christ, all people here below;<br>praise Holy Spirit evermore;<br>praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen. | OLD HUNDREDTH |
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| New Testament Lesson          | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (p.962) | Diane Mundell |
| Leader: The Word of the Lord. |                                |               |
| People: Thanks be to God!     |                                |               |

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| Anthem | <i>Walking in the Spirit</i><br>Sanctuary Choir | Mark Hayes |
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*Do you have the spirit? Do you have the spirit of God?*  
*It's a good, good feeling way down in your soul when you're walking in the spirit of God.*  
 Now Moses saw the spirit of God. He came down from the mountain with a smile on his face,  
 for Moses saw the glory of God.  
 Now Joshua heard the spirit of God. He blew his trumpet at Jericho  
 and the walls came a tumblin' down.  
 Now David knew the spirit of God. When he played on his harp so melodiously the evil spirits left old Saul.  
 Now Daniel knew the spirit of God. Even down in the lions' den Daniel believed,  
 and the lions' mouths were shut.

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| Sermon                | Everyone Get Busy, Jesus is Watching<br><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     |
| <b>RESPONDING</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |
| Invitation            |                                                                                                                                                                    | Dr. Tennant       |
| *Hymn 712             | <i>As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought</i>                                                                                                                   | FOREST GREEN      |
| Dedication of Pledges | <i>As we sing our hymn of response, please bring your 2026 Pledge cards forward.</i>                                                                               |                   |
| Benediction           |                                                                                                                                                                    | Dr. Tennant       |
| Postlude              | <i>O God Our Help in Ages Past</i>                                                                                                                                 | arr. Alfred Fedak |

Instrumentalist:  
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore

### This Week at UBC

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| <p><b>SUNDAY, Nov. 16</b></p> <p>8:30 Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>9:30 Seekers and ESOL Classes</p> <p>9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>12:00 College Bagel Brunch</p> <p>4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal</p> <p>5:30 College Dinner</p> <p><b>MONDAY, Nov. 17</b></p> <p>4:00 Theology Reading Group</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, Nov. 18</b></p> <p>2:00 Personnel Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Friendsgiving Dinner</p> <p>7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal</p> | <p><b>WEDNESDAY, Nov. 19</b></p> <p>9:00 Work Team</p> <p>5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner</p> <p>5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, Nov. 20</b></p> <p>7:00 Deacons' Meeting</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, Nov. 21</b></p> <p>5:30 Jazz Vespers</p> |
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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.

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