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 8, 2026
23rd 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 — *The Will of God Is Always Best* — arr. Siegfried Karg-Elert

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 — Sam Hellings

Heirs of the covenant, come;
let us present ourselves before the Lord.
We gather to worship the Holy One,
to open our hearts to the one true God.
Family of faith, come; choose this day:
Whom will you serve?
As for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn 12 — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* — ST. DENIO

*Invocation — Rev. Megan Sharp

Greeting

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Stewardship Moment — Whitney Stone-Steen — Debby Johnson

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem — *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* — African-American spiritual, arr. Jay Althouse

Sanctuary Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh.
Oh, children, don't get weary, oh, children, don't get weary.
Oh, children, don't get weary till your work is done.
Oh, sister, don't stop praying, Oh, brother, don't stop praying.
Oh, sisters and brothers, keep on praying till the work is done!

Bible Presentation — *Sam Hellings* — Rev. Allison Benfield

HEARING

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 25:1-13 (p.806-07) — Glenna Ohlms

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 470 — *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* — LONGING

Morning Prayer — Rev. Benfield

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit,
We are united with Christ and given a new spirit.
Let us rejoice, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.
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.

Apocrypha Lesson — Wisdom 6:12-16 — Nadine Roddy

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem	*God Be in My Head* Sanctuary Choir God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.	John Rutter
Sermon	Wise To Do What *At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit to attend Children's Church in the Children's Suite.*	Dr. Tennant
Meditation		Barbara Moore

RESPONDING

Invitation		Dr. Tennant
*Hymn 735	*I Need Thee Every Hour*	NEED
*Benediction		Dr. Tennant
*Postlude	*Glorious Is Thy Name O Lord*	arr. Tedd Smith

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

Instrumentalists:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Percussion: Bobby Gregg

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, Nov. 8
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
6:00 Deacons' Meeting

MONDAY, Nov. 9
7:15 Women's Book Study

TUESDAY, Nov. 10
11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 11
9:00 Work Team
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal
6:00 Celtic Evening Liturgy
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, Nov. 12
10:00 Visioning Prayers
1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

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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