



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.

March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday in Lent

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

Lenten Meditation

Franklin Ashdown

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.

Choral Introit

Come, Ye That Love the Lord

arr. Alice Parker

Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known.
Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.
The sorrows of the mind be banished from this place.
Religion never was designed to make our pleasures less.
Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God.
But favorites of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad.

*Call to Worship

Jen May

The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and protects us in times of trouble.

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Even when fear strikes us, we know that we are safe, for we belong to God.

We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand.

We lift our voices together in thanks and praise.

*Hymn 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA
*Invocation Scott Miller
Greeting

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Mission Moment Puerto Rico Mission Trip Commissioning (see insert) Dr. Tennant

Anthem *I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes* Jean Berger
Sanctuary Choir

I to the hills lift up mine eyes, from where shall come mine aid.
Mine help doth from Jehovah come, which heav'n and earth hath made.
He will not let thy foot be mov'd, nor slumber that thee keeps.
Lo he that keepeth Israel, he slumb'reth not nor sleeps.
The Lord thy keeper is, the Lord on thy right hand the shade.
The sun by day, nor moon by night, shall thee by stroke invade.
The Lord shall keep thee from all ill thy soul he keeps away.
Thy going out, and thy in-come, the Lord keeps now and aye. Amen.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17 (p.863-64) Joyce Martin
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 494 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC

Morning Prayer Rev. Megan Sharp

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.
May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.

**Before God with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:
to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.**
May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the spirit enable you to grow in love. **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.**

Epistle Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (p.916) Ezra Flaherty
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Sing, My Soul, God's Wondrous Love* Ned Rorem
Sanctuary Choir

Sing, my soul, God's wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends sweet grace.
Heav'n and earth by God were made, all is by God's scepter sway'd.
What are we that God should show so much love to us below?
God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood.
And, to make our safety sure, guides us by a spirit pure.
Sing, my soul, adore God's name, and let glory be thy theme:
Praise until God calls thee home, trust and love for all to come.

Sermon Believe & Be Glad Dr. Tennant
*At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit
to attend Worship+Wonder in the Children's Suite.*

Meditation *Amen* Per Harling
Sanctuary Choir

RESPONDING

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Dr. Tennant
Communion Music *Ave Maria* Astor Piazzola

Invitation Dr. Tennant

*Hymn 301 *Let Us Build a House* TWO OAKS

*Benediction Dr. Tennant

*Postlude *Iste Confessor "He, whose confession God accepted"* Thomas Tallis

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

Instrumentalists:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Cello: Dan Pinkham

This Week at UBC

<p>SUNDAY, Mar. 1 8:30 Church Council Meeting 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>MONDAY, Mar. 2 4:00 Theology Reading Group</p> <p>TUESDAY, Mar. 3 12:00 Security Task Force 7:00 Kittie Colvin Trial Meeting 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, Mar. 4 9:00 Work Team 10:00 Childcare Task Force 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 Sanctuary Bells 6:00 Program 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</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.

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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Commissioning of the Puerto Rico Mission Trip 2026

Leader: Mission Team, is it your desire that University Baptist Church commission you to this mission work in Puerto Rico?

Mission Team: God is calling, we seek to answer that call and be God's light in Puerto Rico next week.

Leader: Do you dedicate yourselves to the mission task before you in Puerto Rico and in doing whatever God may lead you to do during this time away from home and family?

Mission Team: Jesus told his followers to go with complete dependence on God's provision. With the congregation's support and prayers, we dedicate ourselves to God's work in Puerto Rico.

Leader: Congregation, how do you respond?

People: We send this team with gratitude for their commitment to act for transformation and to be transformed for action.

Leader: Congregation, will you dedicate yourselves to pray for our mission team during this time that they are away from us?

People: We will pray for their health and safety and for God's light to shine through them while they are working for God's kingdom.

Leader: Congregation, will you receive the team's testimony?

People: We will receive your testimony when you return as part of our own journeys of faith. We commit to act in advocacy as prompted by the group's experience in order to transform the world so that all may live the fullness of the life that God intends.

All: We, the congregation and friends of University Baptist Church, commission you to the service of God through your efforts in Puerto Rico. Go in the name of our Lord. Go with our blessings and our prayers, and with the blessings of our Lord and Savior.

THE COMMISSIONING PRAYER