



# 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 24, 2025 Christmas Eve GATHERING

Prelude	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	arr. Don Hustad
Lighting the Candles	<i>We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.</i>	
Opening the Bible	<i>We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.</i>	
*Call to Worship		Diane Mundell
	The One for whom we have been waiting is born! <b>On this night we hear the angel say, "Do not be afraid."</b> On this night we sing with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest!" <b>On this night the light of God fills the heavens and illuminates the earth.</b> Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! <b>Come, let us adore him!</b>	
*Processional Hymn 133	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	ADESTE FIDELES
Lighting of the Christ Candle		The Eaker/Flaherty Family
Choral Response	<i>He Came Down (Hymn 137)</i> UBCKids Choir	Cameroon song
Invocation		Lily Gregg
Greeting		

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Anthem

*Angel Tidings*  
Sanctuary Choir

Moravian traditional carol  
arr. John Rutter

In all towns and villages both far and near, angel host bear tidings in strain full clear:

‘Joy come to ev’ry nation, joy to this generation. Christ is here; Christ is here.’

Listen to the story of his wondrous birth. How he came so long ago to us on earth.

Born of a virgin mother blessed above all other. Born today, born today.

In a manger lying in poverty. Peace he brings at Christmastide to you and me.

Tell of his birth that saved us, tell of the love he gave us, Christ our Lord, Christ our Lord.

Sing then and be joyful on this Christmas night. Follow with the wisemen the star so bright.

Lead you to his own glory, tell out the wondrous story: Christ is born, born today.

## HEARING

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20 (p.832-33)

The Pinkham Family

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

*Hush, My Babe*  
Sanctuary Choir

Cynthia Gray

Hush, my babe, lie still and slumber, holy angels guard thy bed.

Heav’ny blessings without number gently steal upon thy head.

Hush, my babe, lie still and slumber, calm beneath the midnight sky.

Heav’ny voices without number sing a gentle lullaby.

“Alleluia, alleluia,” angels sing from high above.

All creation waits in wonder for your peace, your gift of love.

Evening Prayer

Rev. Megan Sharp

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.

Homily

Gifts for Our Poorest Selves

Dr. Matthew Tennant

## RESPONDING

Hymn 128

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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In the midst of our despair,  
**Christ, our light has come.**  
 Into a world torn apart by war and violence,  
**Christ, our peace, has come.**  
 Close to our loneliness and our longings,  
**Christ, our good shepherd, has come.**  
 Holding broken bodies and broken hearts,  
**Christ, our healer, has come.**  
 To the hungry, and orphaned, the oppressed and displaced,  
**Christ, our liberator, has come.**  
 To the long-suffering, to generations who have waited,  
**Christ, the promised one, has come.**  
 We celebrate this mystery together:  
**Christ has come and dwells among us. Hallelujah!**

## The Passing of the Light

*Hymn 122	<i>Silent Night (See insert)</i>	STILLE NACHT
*Benediction		Dr. Tenant
*Hymn 134	<i>Joy to the World (See insert)</i> vs. 1, 2, 4	ANTIOCH

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

## Instrumentalists:

Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Guitars: Matt Tenant, Bobbly Gregg; Saxophone: Bobby Gregg

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## This Week at UBC

<b>THURSDAY, Dec. 25</b> Church Office Closed	<b>MONDAY, Dec. 29</b> 1:30 Intergenerational Games Day
<b>FRIDAY, Dec. 26</b> Church Office Closed	<b>WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31</b> Church Office Closed
<b>SUNDAY, Dec. 28</b> 9:30 Seekers and ESOL Classes 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship	<b>THURSDAY, Jan. 1</b> Church Office Closed

# 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).

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## Silent Night, Holy Night!

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

## Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.