



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 8, 2026
3rd 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

O Gott, du Frommer Gott
v. 1 - O God, Thou faithful God, who good gifts bestows
v. 2 - Grant me strength to do whatever you command

J. S. Bach

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

Phoebe Fant

O come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!
We are the people of God's pasture:
we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.
We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!
Let us worship God together.

*Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Invocation

Rev. Megan Sharp

Greeting

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

Mission Moment

National Missions

Diane Mundell

Anthem

The First One Ever
Sanctuary Choir

Linda Wilberger Egan

The first one ever to know of the birth of Jesus, was the Maid Mary of Galilee,
and blessed is she who believes in the Lord.

The first one ever to know of Messiah, Jesus, when he said, "I am he,"
was the Samaritan woman who drew from the well, and blessed is she who perceives the Lord.

The first one ever to know of the rising of Jesus, his glory to be, were Mary, Joanna, and Magdalene,
and blessed are they who see the Lord.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson

John 4:5-42 (p.864-65)

Dan & Alden Pinkham, Peter & Amanda Ohlms, Lily Gregg

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Morning Prayer

Roy Thomas

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.**

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7 (p.56)

Pam Hallissy

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Just as I am
Sanctuary Choir

Bob Chilcott

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, though toss'd about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Sermon

I Stole a Banana From a Monkey
*At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit
to attend Worship+Wonder in the Children's Suite.*

Dr. Tennant

Meditation

Amen
Sanctuary Choir

Per Harling

RESPONDING

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

*Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

*Postlude

Let Me with All People in Peace and Friendship Live

J. S. Bach

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

Instrumentalist:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, Mar. 8

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship

TUESDAY, Mar. 10

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle Meeting
6:00 Search Committee Meeting
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 11

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PB&J Bible Study
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
5:45 Sanctuary Bells
6:00 Program
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, Mar. 12

1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting
7:00 Deacons Meeting



Friday, March 13
5:30 pm
in the Sanctuary
Childcare
available

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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Flowers: Flowers today have been given by Mildred Spicer to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother, Edna Mae Witter, born March 13, 1917.

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Newsletter



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