

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.

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

March 4, 2018 11:00 a.m.

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Wes	sound three chimes, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ,
	and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.
Please qu	iet voices, hearts, and cell phones as we prepare to worship.
	SENTENCEDr. Tennant God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,
People:	And God's weakness is stronger than human strength.
PRELUDE -	- Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross - arr. Hayes Karen Dalton
(We light	IG THE CANDLESTrip and Betsy Kauffman the two candles on the communion table to remind us of the oneness with God and with humankind.)
	G THE BIBLETrip and Betsy Kauffman the Bible to remind us that God speaks to the people through the rd.)
(We prep	GTHE TABLE Pare the table with a loaf of bread and a cup, symbolizing Christ's aton- In the Church's identity as the one Body of Christ, and the fullness of In the future of God.)
CALL TO W	/ORSHIPJoyce Martin
Leader:	Today is the third step on our Lenten Journey.
People:	We travel together with our eyes on the cross.
Leader:	Jesus' example of loving self-sacrifice clashes with our tendency to put ourselves first.
People:	We gather to seek a deeper wisdom.
Leader:	Come, let us move forward toward the Cross.
People:	Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus. Amen.
HYMN 6 -	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
INVOCATI	ONRev. Brown
WELCOME	Rev. Brown
MINISTRY	MOMENT - CBF National MissionsPam Hallissy

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Erin Brown

(As we sing the hymn, the children are invited to come to the front for the Chil-

(At the conclusion of the Children's Sermon, all children, kindergarten through grade two, are invited to attend Children's Church.)

HYMN - Bless the Lord (see insert)

dren's Sermon.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Proverbs 8:1-5, 32-36Audrey Miller ¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand: ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. ⁵ O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. ³²"And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. ³³ Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. ³⁴ Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. ³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord; ³⁶ but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death." Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN - Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (see insert)

EPISTLE LESSON - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.....Peter Ohlms ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER THROUGH SONG - I Lay at the Cross	Dr. Tennant			
ANTHEM - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross - arr. Mallory				
Sanctuary Choir – Diane Mundell, Guest Direc	tor			
SERMON - "The Foolishness of the Cross"	Dr. Tennant			
MEDITATION	Karen Dalton			
CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION				
INVITATION	Dr. Tennant			

^{**} HYMN 395 - God of Grace and God of Glory

PRAYER OF DEDICATION	ipport e United pecial en-
GIVING OF OFFERINGS (At this time, please sign and pass the red fellowship book located at the lef pew. When everyone has signed, return the book. Take this opportunity to names of the members and visitors seated on the same pew with you so you them after the service.)	note the
OFFERTORYk What Wondrous Love is This – arr. Wood	(aren Dalton
DEDICATION HYMN 144 When I Survey the Wondrous Cro	oss (stanza 4)

** THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY ABLE ARE INVITED TO STAND AT THESE POINTS IN THE SERVICE.

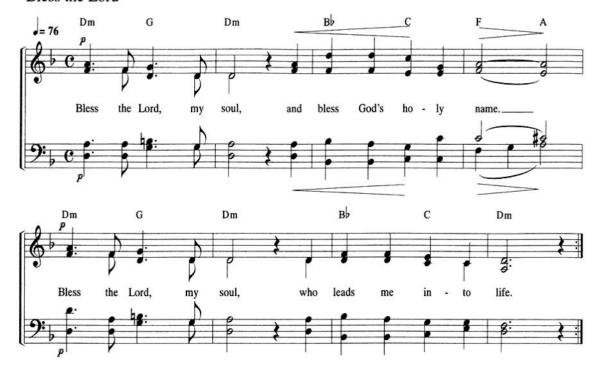
BENEDICTION......Dr. Tennant

** POSTLUDE -Karen Dalton

Special thanks to Karen Dalton and Diane Mundell for their musical leadership in worship today. Please keep Alba and Barbara in your prayers as they travel with Jubilate on their Spring Tour.

Dr. Matthew Tennant, Senior Minister
Rev. Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community
Rev. Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Erin Brown, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Barbara Taylor Moore, Organist
Sue Walton, Office Manager
Lynn Martin, Newsletter Editor
Alan Hendricks, Administrator
Thomas Hill, Custodian

Bless the Lord



THIS WEEK AT UBC

SUNDAY, March 4

9:00 Fellowship

9:30 Seekers Bible Study

9:45 Bible Study, ESOL Classes

11:00 Worship Service

6:00 Youth "Real Life"

MONDAY, March 5

10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, March 6

9:00 UBC Work Team

9:00 Painting Group

10:15 Staff Meeting

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, March 7

5:00 Supper (Pizza)

6:00 Prayer Time

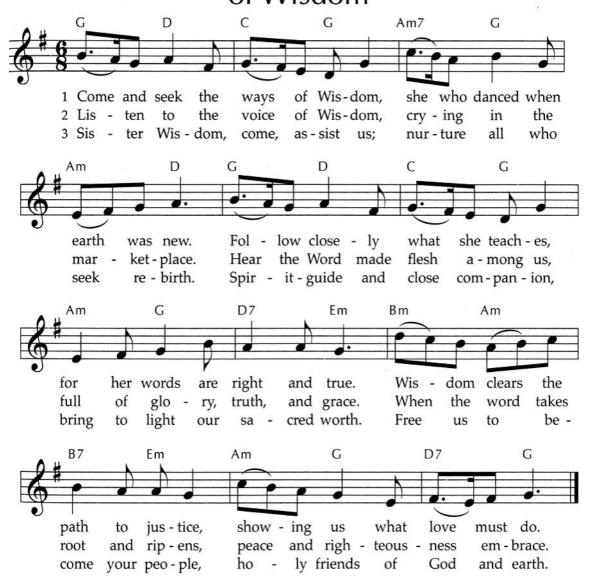
6:00 Children's Mission Program

6:15 "Words Matter" - Lenten Study

THURSDAY, March 8

9:30 Pre-K Play Group

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



Drawing on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: *Sophia*), especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

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WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

We are blessed by your presence with us in worship, and trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

BROADCAST SYSTEM FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

Our sanctuary is equipped with a broadcast system for the hearing impaired. Please contact one of the ushers to borrow a personal receiver.

WORSHIP HOUR CHILDCARE

Childcare is available during the worship service for newborns through preschoolers on the ground level. See the ushers for information and directions. The Childcare workers today are Judy Gough, Laura Faye Groff, Will Wagoner, and Mary Jo Hendricks.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We offer a Children's Church for K-2nd graders. Children start the worship hour in the sanctuary with their families and then follow their leaders upstairs to Room 210 after the Children's Sermon. Children are also welcome to stay with their families in the sanctuary, and children's bulletins and activity bags are available from the ushers. The Children's Church leaders today are Shirley Clark and Vittorio Pallini.

WATCH OR LISTEN LIVE FROM HOME

To watch the live video of our worship service on YouTube, find the link on the UBC website, <www.universitybaptist.org>. Audio of our service is broadcast live every Sunday on WINA 1070 AM and 98.9 FM.

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 70th wedding anniversary of Jim and Lila Marshall, by their children, Sandra, Philip, and Jane.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will vote on the 2018 UBC <u>budget</u> in a Called Church Conference at 6:15 pm on Wednesday, March 7.
- <u>Pictorial Directory Photos</u> will be taken next Sunday, March 11, and the following Sunday, March 18. Just drop in, 9am-11 am and 12-12:30 pm.
- Pray for <u>Jubilate</u> on their tour, March 3-8, as they travel and minister through music in Alabama and New Orleans.
- Holy Week Services:
 - Spy Wednesday, March 28, Noon
 - Maundy Thursday, March 29: Supper (5:00 pm) & Service (6:00 pm)
 - Good Friday, March 30, Noon

SERVE AND GIVE

- Youth Book Sale Fundraiser: March 7-14, all books are \$1, with proceeds supporting the Youth Summer Mission Trip
- <u>CBF National Missions</u>: During the month of March, we are supporting Paula Settle's efforts to address rural poverty in Kentucky.
- Venable School Backpack Program: Every week we pack 19 backpacks
 for the Venable School Backpack Program to help students who receive
 free lunch at school during the week, but don't have enough to eat at home
 over the weekends. Your ongoing donations of food and money help us
 meet this need every week. For a complete list of items see the UBC website.
- <u>Audio Operators Needed</u>: Would you be interested in learning about operating our audio system and being a part of our team rotation for Sunday worship services? Contact Robby Gough at 434-242-2413 or RHGough@embarqmail.com
- Operation In As Much (OIAM): Our annual day of service to the community, OIAM will take place on May 5. We will have a sign-up luncheon on Sunday, April 15, immediately after worship.

CONNECT AND GROW

- <u>Sunday Bible Study</u>: With groups for all ages and interests, there's a class for you! See our website or talk to Will for details.
- <u>"Words Matter" Study</u>: Our Wednesday night programs during Lent are a study series about the words we use for/with/about God and one another. Join us for dinner at 5 pm (reservations are needed) and our study at 6:15 pm.
- <u>Richard E. Myers Lecture Series</u>: March 20-22—Featuring Paul Fiddes, Guest Lecturer from Oxford University
- Vacation Bible School: June 18-22, 9:00 am to noon. Save the date!

CELEBRATE

Happy 70th wedding anniversary to Jim and Lila Marshall!