

Worship of God in Christ December 4, 2022



"Colored by Sam Hellings"

2nd Sunday of Advent

Marking of the Hour

Barbara Moore

We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Words

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Prelude - "Lord Jesus Christ, Come Down to Earth" (J.S. Bach) Barbara Moore

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 Call to Worship - "Goin' to Bethlehem" (Althouse)

Jubilate

Call to Worship Vidar Hageman

One: Children of God, lay down your defenses and find peace in the community of faith.

All: Let the Church be a safe refuge where peace reigns over fear and violence.

One: Children of God, examine your ways and prepare to yield to the gentle way of Christ.

All: We let go of the harshness and pettiness keeping us from peace with God and neighbor.

One: Children of God, come to worship and proclaim this peace to all the world.

All: We gather in the spirit of Christ himself. Let us worship in peace together.

*Invocation Will Cooke

Greeting Will Cooke

Please take a moment to sign and pass the red booklets found in each row so that we have a record of your presence with us today.

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Anna Beamer & Rev. Val Fisk

Children's Sermon

Tommy Deal

^{*}Hymn - "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

^{*}Hymn - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 3:1-12

Jim Dapaah

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Dr. Tennant

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Dr. Tennant

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Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 9:2-7

Oluwamisayo Ologun

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem - "Celebrate, Rejoice!" (arr. Speck & Parton)

Jubilate

Sermon - "People of Peace"

Rev. Fisk

Meditation Barbara Moore

Invitation Rev. Fisk

If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.

*Benediction Rev. Fisk

*Choral Benediction - "All Is Well" (arr. Barrett)

Jubilate

Postlude – "The First Noel" (arr. Wyton) Barbara Moore

^{*}Doxology

^{*}Hymn - "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

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

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



of his an-thems rolls to shat-ter all ha-tred and vio-lence. raised a - bove the strong, and weap-ons be bro-ken a - sun-der. ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo-ry.

After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5–6, Isaiah 2:4.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



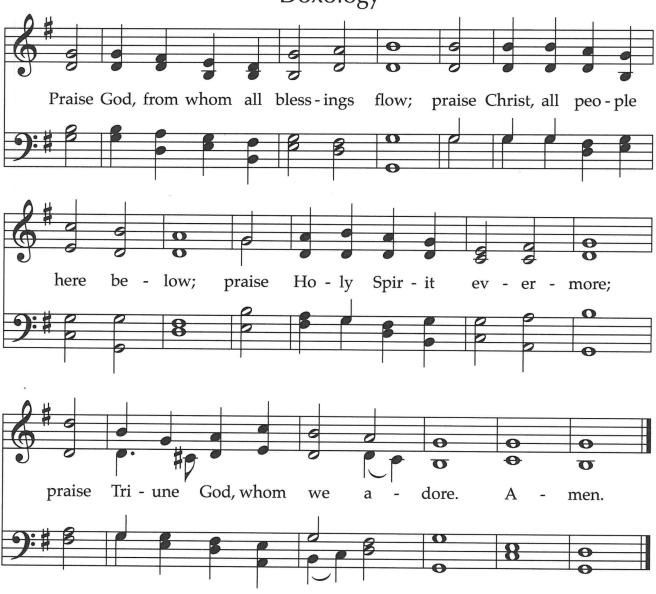
WORDS: Latin Hymn; tr. st. 1,2, John Mason Neale 1818-1866; st. 3,4, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1877-1954

MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

VENI EMMANUEL 8.8.8.8.(L.M.) with Refrain

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDTH

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Song of Mary



This 20th-century paraphrase is based on the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46–55), commonly known by its opening Latin word, *Magnificat*. This song of praise offers clear reminders that God's purposes often lead to the reversal of human values, exalting the poor and dethroning the mighty.

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us, 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 university baptist.org

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FLOWERS: On the communion table this morning is the Nativity drawing our attention to the anticipated birth of Jesus.

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.

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