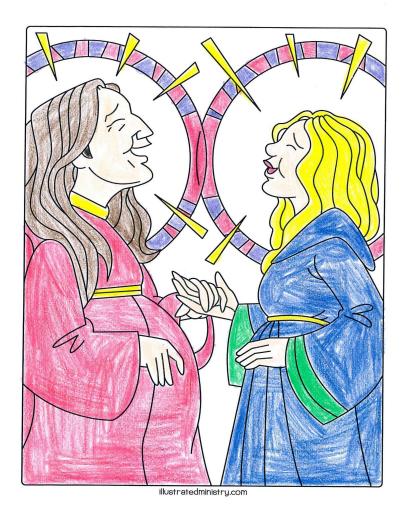


Worship of God in Christ December 18, 2022



"Colored by Lauren Cooper"

4th 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.

Rev. Val Fisk **Opening Words**

Prelude - "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (arr. Cherwein)

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.

Call to Worship Herman Faker

One: Children of God, come together for worship

All: Love draws us into community with praise.

One: What kind of love draws God's people together?

All: Love of all colors and kinds, like a rainbow.

One: How shall we love in Christian community?

All: We love one another like God loves us.

One: How shall we worship God together in love?

All: Let us worship together in mind, body, and spirit!

*Invocation Rev. Fisk

Rev. Fisk Greeting

> 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 Love

Jim & Barbara Moore

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Rev. Fisk

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^{*}Hymn - "O Come, All Ye Faithful" v. 1, 3, 4

^{*}Hymn - "In the Bleak Midwinter"

^{*}Doxology

Gospel Lesson – Luke 2:1, 3-7 George Martin

Anthem – "Once in Royal David's City" Sanctuary Choir

Theo Gregg, soloist

Gospel Lesson – Luke 2:8-14 George Martin

Anthems – "Christmas Gloria" (Wagner) Sanctuary Choir

- "Angel's Carol" (Rutter)

Gospel Lesson – Luke 2:15-18, 20 George Martin

Anthems – "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (arr. deSilva) Sanctuary Choir

- "For Unto Us a Child is Born" (Handel)

Gospel Lesson – Luke 2:28-32 George Martin

Anthem – "Sussex Carol" (arr. Hagenberg) Sanctuary Choir

Sermon – "Don't Jump to Jesus" Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation Barbara Moore

Invitation Dr. Tennant

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

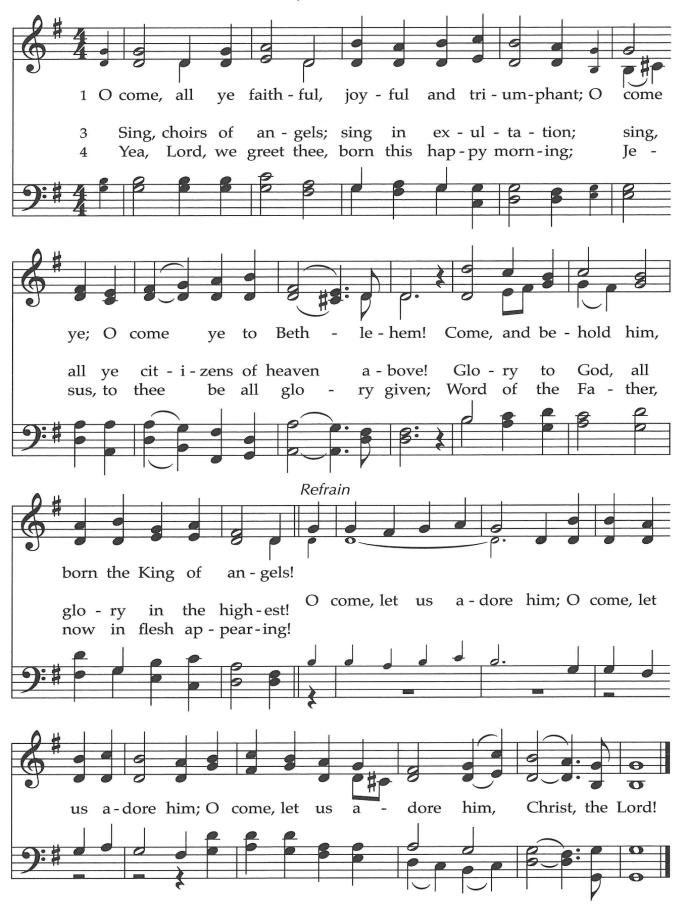
*Benediction Dr. Tennant

*Postlude – "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (arr. Innes) Barbara Moore

^{*}Hymn – "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (arr. Willcocks)

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful



In the Bleak Midwinter



Though this text describes winter weather in England rather than in Palestine, the poet is using familiar surroundings as a means of making the Nativity more immediate and personal. The tune name honors a Gloucestershire village near the composer's birthplace in Cheltenham.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

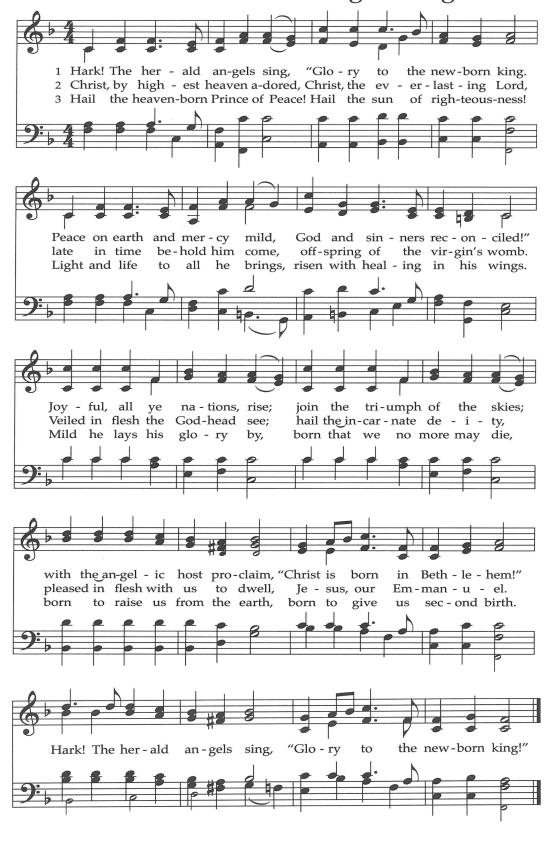
Doxology



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

OLD HUNDREDTH

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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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