



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent

Marking 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 Rev. Susan Deal

Prelude *A Christmas Flourish* arr. Callahan

Opening the Bible
We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

Choral Call to Worship *Blessed Is the Lord* Dan Forrest

*Invocation Dr. Matthew Tennant

Greeting Dr. Tennant
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.

Gospel Lesson John 1:1-4, 9-13,18b (p.862) Shirley Clark
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Lighting the Candle of Joy Rev. Val Fisk

Morning Prayer and Blessing Rev. Fisk
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*Advent Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Church Staff

Senior Minister – Dr. Matthew Tennant
Associate Minister for Students – Rev. Val Fisk
Intentional Interim Minister of Music – Rev. Susan Deal
Director of Jubilate and Voces Laetae – Will Cooke
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Jimmy Li
Jackie Lockwood
Carolyn Lowry
Jen May
Laura Morris
Sheri Owen
Michelle Proffitt
Jennifer Wagoner



Join us this Advent and Christmas Season at University Baptist Church

Sunday, December 17, 11:00 am	All Church Pageant
Sunday, December 17, 7:00 pm	Christmas Jazz Vespers
Sunday, December 24, 11:00 am	Advent Worship Service
Sunday, December 24, 5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday, December 27, 4:00 pm	Birthday Cake Kit assembly & movie

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 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.

Additional Parking: Additional parking is available at the 14th St. Garage. Just show them your bulletin when you leave.

Worship Online: Visit universitybaptist.org/live to download our Sunday worship bulletin and find instructions for how to watch live services online or listen on the radio.

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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.

This Week at UBC

<p>SUNDAY, December 17 8:30 Finance Committee Meeting 9:30 ESOL Class 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 7:00 Jazz Vespers</p> <p>MONDAY, December 18 10:30 Bible Reading Group 1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group</p>	<p>TUESDAY, December 19 7:00 Deacons' Christmas Party</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, December 20 9:00 Work Team</p>
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