

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve

Prelude Silent Night ("Berceuse") arr. Callahan

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 Tommy Deal

On this holiest of nights,

we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.

On this most silent night,

we come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

On this night of carols and candlelight,

we come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

*Hymn 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST LOUIS

*Invocation Rev. Val Fisk

Greeting Rev. Fisk

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 tonight.

Lighting the Christ Candle Rev. Val Fisk & Rev. Susan Deal

*Hymn 128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly W ZLOBIE LEZY

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

Evening Prayer Rev. Deal

Anthem Where Shepherds Lately Knelt Craig Courtney

Where shepherds lately knelt, and kept the angel's word,

I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
but there is room and welcome there for me,
but there is room and welcome there for me.
In that unlikely place I find Him as they said:
sweet newborn Babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:
a still small Voice to cry one day for me, for me,
a still small Voice to cry one day for me.
How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
a Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace - for me,
a Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace - for me.

Can I, will I forget how Love was born and burned its way into my heart
unasked, unforced, unearned, to die, to live, and not alone for me, for me?
to die, to live, and not alone for me.

Sermon Something From Nothing Dr. Matthew Tennant

*Hymn 122 Silent Night, Holy Night! STILLE NACHT

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

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

Instrumentalist: Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano

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
Organist – Barbara Moore
Office Coordinator – Linda Weirich
Financial Coordinator – Amanda Ohlms
Custodian – Thomas Hill
Social Media Assistant – Alaysia Toney
Church Administrator – Alan Hendricks
Education Coordinator – Rev. Tommy Deal

Current Deacons

Debra Bryant
Shirley Clark
Ray Gaines
Judy Gough
Lily Gregg
Alan Hendricks
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 24, 5:00 pm

o piii

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 27, 4:00 pm

Birthday Cake Kit assembly & movie

University Baptist Church

Thank you for joining us in worship tonight. 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.

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 university baptist.org/live to download our Sunday worship bulletin and find instructions for how to watch live services online or listen on the radio.

Acknowledgements: The text and music for our hymns are reprinted by permission to University Baptist Church, Christian Copyright License No. 363447.

Newsletter



Website



Giving



Phone: 434 -293-5106

www.universitybaptist.org

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

SUNDAY, December 24

9:30 ESOL Class 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship

5:00 Christmas Eve Worship

MONDAY, December 25 Church Office closed TUESDAY, December 26

Church Office closed 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

WEDNESDAY, December 27

4:00 Cake Kit & Movie