



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
December 31, 2023
1st Sunday after Christmas

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. Val Fisk

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Innes

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

Diane Mundell

As the land is renewed each year and new crops sprout,
so the Lord God is restoring us.

We are transformed by God's glory and power,
God's revelation in a little child.

Salvation shall bring complete transformation.

The Lord God is saving us. With our whole being we rejoice in our God.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise 119

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*Invocation

Rev. Susan Deal

Greeting

Rev. Deal

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

Luke 2:22-40 (p.833)

George Martin

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

*Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

*During the last stanza of this hymn, we invite the children
to come forward for the Children's Sermon.*

Children's Sermon

Rev. Fisk

*We invite children in grades K-2 to exit and continue worshipping
in children's Church upstairs in Room 210.*

Anthem

All is Well

arr. Michael Barrett

All is well. All is well.
Angels and men rejoice, rejoice,
for tonight, darkness fell into the dawn of love's light.
Sing alle, sing alleluia!
All is well. All is well.
Let there be peace on earth, on earth. Christ is come.
Go and tell that He is in the manger.
Sing alle, sing alle, alleluia! Alleluia!
All is well! All is well!
Lift up your voice and sing Noel!
Born is now Emmanuel.
Born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing alleluia! All is well! All is well! All is well! All is well!

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Gary Dalton

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Facebook page and at universitybaptist.org/give.*

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here be - low;
praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er - more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

*Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 148 (p.508)

Barbara Moore

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People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Exhaustion and Exuberance

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.*

Hymn of Response 128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

*Benediction

Rev. Fisk

*Postlude

A "Bell Change" based on "Joy to the World"

arr. Andrews

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

Instrumentalist:
Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano

Church Staff

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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.

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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

SUNDAY, December 31

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

MONDAY, January 1

Church Office closed

WEDNESDAY, January 3

9:00 Work Team