

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

December 6, 2015
11:00 am



Second Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday

Sermon:
"Preparation"

Dr. Michael Cheuk

Scriptures:
Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6

Jubilate Presents

Anthems from the Service of

Lessons and Carols

Deacons: *Jackie Lockwood, David Hendon, David Wagoner, Wayne Ferguson, Diane Mundell, Lynda Tweel, John Buchanan, Raynell Stokes, Scott Miller

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough, Lu Overbeck, Laura Faye & Carter Groff, Beth Cheuk

Children's Church: Debby Johnson, Katherine Wagoner

Ushers for December: Cindy Bryant, Jack Wilkerson, Lily Pallini, Joe Zhu, Ronda Wiley, Shelley Miller

Greeters: Brett & Kate Lissenden

Medical On-call: Laurie Pallini



Hope and A Future

Stewardship 2016

"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

The total number of Planned Giving Cards received to date is 98, representing an amount of \$383,492.

Last year at this time, we had received 104 cards, representing an amount of \$476,630.

We invite you to prayerfully consider turning in a Planned Giving Card if you have not already done so.

You can send your card to the church office, put it in the offering plate on Sunday, call Sue Walton at the office, or email office@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.

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Sunday, December 6, 11:00 am



A Word from Michael

This year, my family celebrated Thanksgiving a day late. We waited until Friday to have turkey and the trimmings since the JAUNT bus that can pick up Beth's mom in her wheelchair was not running on the holiday. When the JAUNT bus pulled up in our driveway late Friday morning, Ray Nell was smiling from ear to ear, excited about "coming home" and eating a tasty meal with family.

Beth and I had worries about having her mom home for Thanksgiving. Would this break from her usual routines throw her for a loop? Would she resent having to return to Heritage Inn after such a short visit?

We tried to put those worries aside as we enjoyed the turkey lunch. After the meal, Beth and the kids played a board game with Ray Nell. It was a close game, and at the finish, Beth's mom threw an "acey deucey" for the win. It was a triumphant moment. However, Beth's mom didn't

have long to celebrate. And here, I'll let Beth describe what happened afterwards.

Almost immediately after the game finished, the JAUNT bus pulled up unexpectedly early, and I was pretty much awed by the grace and courage with which Mom transitioned from Thanksgiving with the family to her return to Heritage Inn. She was full of thanks and appreciation and smiles, and I was the one hiding my tears.

The poet Maya Angelou once said, "Be present in all things and thankful for all things." Last Friday, my mother-in-law demonstrated the beauty and grace of that statement. Thanksgiving is more a state of mind than a specific day. As we enter into the Advent season, I'm reminded that in Christ, we have so much to be thankful for. May we be present to that divine presence.

~Blessings, Michael

Church-wide Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 6

12:00 noon Chili Lunch followed by

Caroling to Homebound Adults and Nursing Homes



Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, December 2

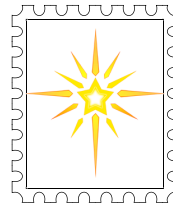
6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

This will be a service to remember our departed loved ones, to support each other in our pain and loss during this holiday season, and to support our community during this time of unusual stress.

Candles will be lit to acknowledge family and friends, our pain and loss, our worries and struggles, and God's faithfulness in our lives.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Mildred Spicer — UVA Hospital
Linda Hendon — UVA Hospital

Thank You

Thank you all so much for your many expressions of love during the past several weeks. We will always be grateful for your support and generosity.
 — *The Family of Gordon Anderson*

Poinsettias

If you would like a poinsettia placed in the church in memory or in honor of a loved one, please place your order by submitting a check payable to UBC for **\$8.00 per plant by Monday, December 7.**



Circle Meeting

The Annie Armstrong Circle will meet Tuesday, December 8, at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring food for a 'Dinner In A Bag,' your lunch, and a treat to share. Guests are welcome!

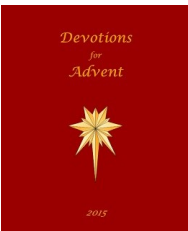
Wednesday, December 9

5:00 Supper: Pot roast, Gravy, Potatoes, Onions, Carrots

6:00 Program: Skype visit with Jon and Tanya Parks, CBF Field Personnel
 Preschool/Children's Christmas Night

UBC Advent Booklets

You can pick up your copy of the UBC *Devotions for Advent 2015* in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings, and in the Church Office during the week when the office is open.



Volunteers are needed to help with the Wednesday night children's programs this spring. **Contact Will Brown if you can help one or more weeks each month or even help just once or twice all spring!**



CBF Global Missions

During the month of December, we are collecting money for the CBF Global Missions Fund. Our goal is \$3000.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship supports more than 130 field personnel serving in remote villages and large cities around the world. They make a difference in the lives of the world's most neglected people.

Children's Christmas Shop

We are collecting small gift items that our children can "purchase" as Christmas gifts for their family members.

Bring donations to the Preschool Department by Monday, December 8.



Youth Angel Tree Shopping

Sunday, December 6, following the chili lunch after worship, the youth will do their annual shopping for needy kids and families. Please bring \$5 to contribute. They will return to UBC by 3:00 pm. Real Life will not meet that night. The Youth will be accepting donations on Wednesday night to help with the shopping.

Global Missions Post Office

This is a way for you to exchange greetings with UBC members and support Global Missions. It is located in the First Floor Lobby. See the November 24 issue of The Word for details.

Christmas Dinner in a Bag

Fill a grocery bag with the following:

- 1 box stove-top stuffing mix
- 1 box instant potatoes
- 1 jar gravy
- 1 large can sweet potatoes
- 1 large can green beans
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 box Jiffy pie crust mix
- 1 can pie filling

WEDNESDAY, December 2

- 9:30 Parent's Morning Out
- 5:00 Supper (Oven-fried chicken)
- 5:00 MRST Meeting
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Service of Remembrance
- 6:15 Children's Programming
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 3

- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group

SUNDAY, December 6

- 8:30 Church Council Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:00 Chili Lunch & Caroling
- Youth Angel Tree Shopping

MONDAY, December 7

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, December 8

- 9:00 Wednesday Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, December 9

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 5:00 Supper (Pot Roast)
- 5:30 Nominating Committee Mtg.
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Skype visit with Jon & Tanya Parks
- 6:15 Preschool/Children's Christmas Night
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Put the bag on the stage in Fellowship Hall by **Wednesday, December 16.**



The WMU will add a Food Lion gift card (for turkey or ham). **Donations for gift cards are appreciated.** The bags will be delivered to Love INC to be distributed to needy families for Christmas.