

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

December 13, 2015
11:00 am



Third Sunday of Advent

Sermon:
"Praise"

Dr. Michael Cheuk

Scriptures:
Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7

Anthems:
Fum, Fum, Fum — arr. Parker
Sanctuary Choir
One Small Child — Meece
Trio

Deacons: *Bill & Barbara Jesser,
Carolyn Lowry, Elsom Johnson, Jackie
Lockwood, Peter Ohlms

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough,
Michelle & Chandler Proffitt, Diane
Woerner, Ewing Minor, Emily Morris

Children's Church: Amanda Ohlms,
Chandler Proffitt

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

Greeters: Martha Ballenger, Brad
Groff

Medical On-call: Clara Belle Wheeler



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
represents an amount of \$405,172.

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.

UBC Mission Statement



For a complete schedule of
worship and fellowship
opportunities during
Advent, see the
November 24 issue
of *The Word*.

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A Word from Michael

Around this time last year, I had my
annual physical. After the examination
and blood test results came back, I was
told that my blood pressure and chole-
sterol were a little high, and that I
needed to lose some weight.

Before prescribing me medication, my
physician recommended two things that
I really didn't want to hear: eat more
healthfully and exercise.

Now, I *believe* in eating a healthy diet
and exercising, but it wasn't something
that I was *doing* on a regular basis. It
was hard to change my habits, but
eventually, I cut down on sweets and
ate smaller portions, and I began to
walk and exercise more. Nothing radi-
cal, but I have since lost 15 pounds, and
my blood pressure and cholesterol are
now lower. My improving health came
not as a result of belief, but of action.

Similarly, our faith comes not merely in
believing in Jesus. In his parable of the
wise and foolish builders in Matthew
7:24-27, Jesus says, "Everyone who
hears these words of mine and *puts
them into practice* is like a wise man
who built his house on the rock," with-
standing the storms of life.

During this season of Advent, as we
think about repentance or a change in
thinking or action, we are reminded of
the words of Richard Rohr, "The Word
of God is telling us very clearly that *if
you do not do it, you, in fact, do not
believe it and have not heard it . . .*
We do not think ourselves into a new
way of living. We live ourselves into
new ways of thinking."

What actions can you take to practice
the way of Christ?

~ Blessings, *Michael*

Wednesday, December 9, 6:15 pm

Our Wednesday night program on December 9 at 6:15 pm will feature Jon and Tanya Parks, via Skype. Jon and Tanya are CBF field personnel, serving among the Roma people in Kosice, Slovakia. Through personal relationships, partnerships with local Christians, and initiatives that support Roma education, they believe God's people can together form a new future for people who have lived in poverty and oppression for generations. They will give us an update about their ministry since their return to Slovakia this fall.

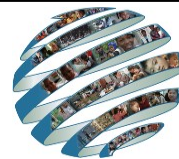


The **Preschool/Children's Christmas Shop** will open at 6:15 pm for children to purchase gifts for members of their family. All items are priced at 50¢, and proceeds go to Global Missions.

CBF Global Missions

During 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.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24, 5:30 pm

Choir, Reading of the Christmas Story, Lighting of Candles



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Mildred Spicer — UVA Hospital
Linda Hendon — At Home
Gail Ellen — At Home
Ruth Dillard — At Home
Barbara Weber — At Home

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Esther Tian and her family at the death of her mother.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Daniel Moore, son of Tom and Sylvie Moore, on his ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests in the Episcopal Church, on Sunday, December 6.

AQPTS

(A Quiet Place to Study)

Volunteers will be hosting students in Fellowship Hall December 9-17 from 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm each day as they prepare for exams. There are snacks available, free WiFi, lots of space, and a Quiet Place to Study.

ESOL Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 13, 4:00 pm
 At the Home of
 Joe and Jeannette May

Wednesday, December 16

5:00 Supper: Ham, Mac & cheese, Fruit salad
6:00 Program:
 Children's Christmas Pageant
 Caroling around the tables

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!**

**Fourth Annual
 Holiday Lights Bus Tour**
 Saturday, December 19, 5:30 pm

All are invited to join our young families on a Holiday Lights Tour, Saturday, December 19. Meet at UBC at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

At around 5:45 pm, we will get on a UVA bus (driven by Peter Ohlms) and spend an hour seeing the holiday lights in Charlottesville.

Please contact the church office if you would like to reserve a seat (20 available) on the bus.



Christmas Dinner in a Bag

Place these items in a grocery bag and leave on the stage in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 14. The WMU will add a gift card for meat, and Love INC will distribute the bags to needy individuals in our community.

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

Pray for families who will be receiving a "Christmas Dinner in a Bag" through Love INC.



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.



Our 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service is broadcast live on WINA.

WEDNESDAY, December 9

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 1:00 AQPTS*
- 5:00 Supper (Pot roast)
- 5:30 Nominating Committee
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Skype visit with Jon & Tanya Parks
- 6:15 Preschool/Children's Christmas Night
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



THURSDAY, December 10

- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group
- 1:00 AQPTS*

FRIDAY, December 11

- 1:00 AQPTS*

SATURDAY, December 12

- 1:00 AQPTS*
- 8:00 *Jubilate* presents Lessons and Carols at the UVA Chapel

SUNDAY, December 13

- 8:30 Personnel Committee Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 1:00 AQPTS*
- 6:00 Real Life

MONDAY, December 14

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 1:00 AQPTS*
- 6:30 Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, December 15

- 9:00 TUESDAY Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 AQPTS*

WEDNESDAY, December 16

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 5:00 Supper (Ham)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Preschool/Children's Christmas Program
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thanks to some very crafty people (including our youth), we now have 39 new ornaments for our Chrismon tree!