

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 6, 2017
11:00 am



Sermon:

“God is Here”
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Genesis 32:22-31

Anthem:

God is Our Refuge — Pote

Deacons: *Peter Ohlms, Donna Marshall, Jennifer Wagoner, Joe Zhu, John Buchanan, Larry Johnson, Michelle Proffitt, Ray Gaines, Wellford Tiller
Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Catherine Cooper, Wyatt Minor, Mary Jo Hendricks
Children’s Church: Amanda Ohlms, Connor Marshall
Ushers for August: Shirley Clark, Sally Chewning, Martha Wood, Joyce Martin, Jack Wilkerson
Greeters: Martha Ballenger, Brad Groff
Medical On Call: Lynne Gardner

The Word

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On Watch

“Becoming Neighbors”

After living in Charlottesville for one week, some places are beginning to become familiar. It is not home quite yet, but I no longer feel like a visitor. Soon, Charlottesville will be ours. We will have our parks, our trails, our shops, our streets, and yes, our home, too. Someone will say, “Do you know where *this* or *that* is?” I will be delighted to say, “Yes!” As we gather shared experiences, we are become neighbors.

Becoming neighbors takes time. It is not as simple as moving into a neighborhood. The Greek *plesios* means “near or neighboring.” This was the word used in the story of the Good Samaritan in the gospel of Luke. But a neighbor is more than that, more than *being near*. Being neighbors means sharing our interests and our lives. It means worshipping together, eating together, playing together, laughing together, and crying together. As we gather shared experiences, my family and I will continue *becoming* your neighbors.

In his book *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, “The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists of listening to them. Just as love of God begins with listening to the Bible, so the beginning of love for our brothers and sisters is learning to listen to them.” In our church, we are all on a journey together. Bonhoeffer’s idea of “listening” relates to his understanding God’s love. We understand God’s love through listening to the Bible. Likewise, we become neighbors through listening and sharing experiences with one another. Listening is a key element in becoming neighbors. Each of us can *listen* and *share experiences* as fellow sojourners in Christ.

In Luke, Jesus told the man who asked “Who is my neighbor (*plesios*)?” about an unlikely person (a Samaritan, for crying out loud!) who qualified as a neighbor (Luke 10:29-37). The Samaritan was not simply *nearby*. Instead, the Samaritan became a neighbor by listening to and sharing in another person’s experience.

The neighbor walks along with another. Thank you for letting me into the neighborhood.

Peace,
~ Matt

For more information about Dr. Matthew Tennant, visit his blog at www.matthewtennant.org. You can follow him on Twitter (@theologymatt) or YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/matthewtennant>). Baptist News Global publishes articles by Dr. Tennant (available at <https://baptistnews.com>).

Prayer Service

Tuesday, August 8, 7:00 pm

Please join us in the UBC Sanctuary as we gather with our brothers and sisters from other congregations to pray for unity and peace in our community and the world.



Following a Commissioning Service during the Sunday morning worship service, the youth mission team and their chaperons headed to Raleigh, North Carolina to do urban mission projects at places like food banks, daycare centers, and nursing homes.

Pray for the group as they spend the week serving others and sharing God’s love.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Thank You

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your VBS stage decorations and left-over supplies. It really helped us out. We had 25 children and youth attend our VBS week. Thanks for sharing in our ministry.

— Jillian Andrzejewski
 Pastor, Mooreland Baptist Church



Street Closure Notice

Beginning at 6:00 pm on Friday, August 4, West Main Street in Charlottesville will be closed between 11th

Street and Jefferson Park Avenue. * This closure will remain in place until midnight on Sunday, August 6, and is to facilitate the removal of a crane from the Autograph Hotel site.

Access to UBC will be maintained, but you will have to drive around the signs that say "Road Closed to Thru Traffic." Sidewalks will remain open.

* Jefferson Park Avenue is directly across from the church, and 11th Street is across from Stacy Hall.



Sunday, July 30, 11:00 am Worship Service
 Matt's 1st Sunday as the
 UBC Senior Minister

WMU School Supplies Project



The WMU is collecting money to purchase school supplies for the low-income children at Woodbrook Elementary School. This project is coordinated by Love INC in cooperation with city and county schools' Family Support Workers.

You can make checks payable to UBC and earmark them for "School Supplies."

Coming in August



Family Worship Service
 Sunday, August 20, 9:45 am

Church-wide Homemade Ice Cream Social
 Sunday, August 20, 3:00 pm



Sunday Bible Study Regular Schedule Resumes
 Sunday, August 27, 9:30 & 9:45 am

Wednesday Night Supper, 5:00 pm
Church Conference, 6:15 pm
 (vote on Nominating Committee Report)
 Wednesday, August 30

September

Wednesday Family Dinners (5-6pm), adult program (6-7pm) and children's mission program for K-5 (6-7pm) will resume in September

Installation Service for Matt Tennant
 Sunday, September 10, 4:00 pm

THIS WEEK



THURSDAY, August 3
 9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SUNDAY, August 6
 8:30 Church Council Meeting
 9:00 Fellowship
 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
 9:45 Bible Study
 11:00 Worship Service
 6:00 Youth — Real Life

MONDAY, August 7
 1:00 Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, August 8
 9:00 UBC Work Team
 9:00 Painting Group
 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
 7:00 Prayer Service

Flowers Bring Great Joy!

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how, please contact Sarah Buchanan at 434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com.

Also, if you would like to dedicate flowers for the Sunday worship service for a special remembrance or celebration, contact Sarah to reserve your special date.



UBC Parking Lot Usage Update

Planning for our parking lot partnership with Piedmont Virginia Parking Center (PVPC) is continuing. The target date for implementation of paid parking is August 15.

You will note that we have moved the date out as we finalize some issues and get signs ordered.

Parking in our two lots will always be available and free for UBC's members and visitors while at the church building. The partnership with PVPC will generate regular revenue for the general budget expenses of UBC.

Have You Recently Changed Your Address? Phone Number? Email?

Please let the Church Office know of any changes so that we can keep our records up to date.