

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 3, 2017
11:00 am



Sermon:

“Trust God”

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Psalms 26:1-8

Anthem:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
— arr. Mallory

Deacons: *Joe Zhu, Alan Hendricks, Diane Mundell, Erin Brown, Jack Averill, Martha Ballenger, Nelda Vaughan, Ray Gaines, Wellford Tiller

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Arlene Propst, Ewing Minor, Debra Bryant

Children’s Church: Jeannette May, Carter Groff

Ushers for September: Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Ron Tweel

Greeters: Charlotte Bailey, Peter Ohlms
Medical On Call: Clara Belle Wheeler

Installation Service for Matthew Tennant

Sunday, September 10
4:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Reception to Follow

UBC Parking Lot Usage

- Church participants will continue to park FREE in the UBC lots at any-time for church activities.
- Church participants will continue to park FREE in PVPC’s 14th St garage on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

• UBC parking lots will continue to be for church use only on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

• Free parking is also still available on Sundays at Stacy Hall.

YOU MUST HAVE A UBC STICKER TO PARK FREE IN THE LOTS (see the Church Office)



The Word

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On Watch

Thou Mastering Me
A Study of Faith as a Journey

Gerard Manley Hopkins opens his epic poem “The Wreck of the Deutschland”

Thou mastering me
God! giver of breath and bread;
World’s strand, sway of the sea;
Lord of living and dead . . .

What does it mean to be “mastered” by God? Is it a process? Or does it happen in a moment? Who takes action? The one being mastered? Is it God? Or do both participate in the journey? The traditional notion of *being mastered* has negative, even violent, connotations. Does being mastered by God mean subjugation? On a more positive note, how would we respond to problems in the world or in our lives if God was our master?

Years ago, I drafted a book seeking to answer these questions. I never published it. Slowly, it gathered dust in a folder on my computer. Recently, I thought about Hopkins’ poem and the book draft. Events in Charlottesville and around the world highlight people’s desire for quick

answers. Yet violence, injustice, and the deep questions of life require time. We need God’s grace to formulate thoughtful responses. How would being mastered by God inform our approach?

On Wednesday nights this fall, I invite you to join me as we explore the journey of faith. We will have a presentation each week, handouts, and a time for questions and answers. Most importantly, we will share ideas and discuss the journey. Who knows? Maybe our study and discussions will end up in print.

Peace,
~ Matt



Gerard Manley Hopkins, “Self Portrait”



A joyful day at UBC as we ordained Sarah Buchanan as our newest Deacon and installed the newly elected group of Deacons.

Wednesday Night Programming (6:15 pm)

“Thou Mastering Me — Faith as a Journey”
7-part series led by Matthew Tennant

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| September 6 | Defining the God-who-masters (part 1) |
| 13 | Freedom As a Participatory Relationship With God |
| 20 | Mutual, Self-Giving Love Between the Master and the Beloved |
| 27 | Mastery as Manifested in Existence |
| October 4 | Living the Journey |
| 11 | Defining the God-who-masters (part 2) |
| 18 | Actively Seeking to be Mastered by God |

NEW! Wednesday Night Supper Prices

All Adults \$5.00
18 and under Free

If you wish to be on the permanent Wednesday Night Supper list, contact the Church Office (293-5106 or office@universitybaptist.org).

The reservation and cancellation deadline each week is Monday, 10:00 am.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Concerns

Tony Barretta — Colonnades Health Care Center

Elsom Johnson — Colonnades Health Care Center

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Beth Cheuk and her family at the death of her father, Ed Lonvick, on August 24.

Thank You

We appreciate the cards and phone calls we received following the unexpected death of Cliff's father.

— *Cliff & Shelley Miller*

You Can Help!

• We need volunteers to provide a light supper on Sunday evenings for the Youth Group and Jubilate beginning Sunday, August 27. You can sign up online or contact Alba Beasley for more information.



• The Transportation Team needs volunteers to provide rides to and from church on Sundays and Wednesdays for some of our folks who do not drive. There are also opportunities to provide rides to weekday appointments. Contact Peter Ohlms for more info.

VIRGINIA BAPTIST DISASTER RESPONSE

Web page
Facebook

Please join us in praying for and helping those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

FLOOD BUCKETS

UBC will be an area collection center for Flood Buckets — 5-gallon buckets filled with cleaning supplies — for Texas flood victims. Details and lists of supplies to put in the buckets will be in next week's WORD. Contact Erin Brown or Sarah Wilson for more info.

Bible Study at Rosewood

The Monday Adult Bible Study will resume meeting on Monday, September 11, at 10:30 am at Rosewood Village on Greenbrier Drive. All adults are welcome to attend this weekly Bible study.

PBJ Women's Bible Study

(Prayer, Bible study, Joyful Fellowship)
 Wednesdays, 10:00 -11:45 am
 beginning September 6
 6-part study of 2 Timothy and Titus
 Contact Lynn Martin if you are interested. (434-977-8090 or Lmartinx2@comcast.net)

Fall Dates Still Available to Dedicate Sanctuary Flowers

The following Sundays are still available for dedicating sanctuary flowers for a special remembrance or celebration:

September 24

October 1, 8, and 29

Please contact Sarah Buchanan to reserve your special date. (434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com)

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how, contact Sarah.

Wednesday, September 6

5:00 pm — Supper: Spaghetti, Salad

6:10 pm — Program: “Thou Mastering Me — Faith as a Journey” Defining the God-who-masters (part 1)
 — Matthew Tennant

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, August 30

5:00 Supper (Fried chicken)
 6:10 Church Conference
 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 31

9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SUNDAY, September 3

8:30 Church Council Meeting
 9:00 Fellowship
 9:00 Seekers Class Fall Breakfast
 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
 9:45 Bible Study
 11:00 Worship Service
 6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
 6:00 Real Life — Youth Group

MONDAY, September 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, September 5

9:00 UBC Work Team
 9:00 Painting Group
 10:15 Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 6

5:00 Supper
 6:10 “Defining the God-who-masters” (part 1)
 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

“Singing in a choir is an absolutely unique experience. It is one of the most important things in the world. Where else do you have everyone doing the same thing at the same time without the use of special equipment and for a greater purpose, and no one is sitting on the bench?”

Jan Loepfky
 (Director of Choral Activities, UVA)

Join the Sanctuary Choir!

CHURCH CONFERENCE
 Wednesday, August 30,
 6:10 pm in Fellowship Hall
 Vote on Nominating Committee Report

CBF Virginia's Annual Meeting
 September 8, 2017
 Second Baptist Church, Richmond
 25th Anniversary Celebration
 To register visit: cbfva.org/general-assembly