

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 17, 2017
11:00 am

Sermon:

"Go With God"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Exodus 14:19-31

Anthem:

He Never Failed Me Yet
— Ray

Deacons: *Lynne Gardner, Debby Johnson, John Buchanan, Peter Ohlms, Rachel and Scott Miller

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Catherine Cooper, Lindsay Marshall, Jen Bates

Children's Church: Katherine & Joey Hamel

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

Greeters: Bill & Barbara Murray

Medical On Call: Lu Overbeck

The Word

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On Watch

The Need for Systematic Theology

The German theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg published an essay in 1991 called, "The Need for Systematic Theology." He writes, "The content of truth that is inherent in the documents of the tradition has to be determined again and again, because in each historical situation a new effort is needed to distinguish the truth of the gospel... from the evanescent forms of language and thought that at one time served to express such abiding truth." In other words, we have to keep exploring our faith. We have to keep pushing it further. We cannot take things at face value. Our context is different from the context of Charlottesville twenty or fifty years ago. We keep pushing our faith so that we can grow and come to a deeper understanding of our relationship with God.

Theology revisits old questions. As Christians, we can ask, "Is the Holy Spirit saying something new?" If the answer is, "yes," then we do not indict the past. We recognize God's continuing engagement with the world. And we give thanks! For God still loves the world! The world still needs this good news.

said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. So, if I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." There is a lot to unpack in these verses. Theology provides us with tools to better understand the meaning.

The content of truth has not changed. Jesus is the Christ and sets an example for us to follow. But we need to determine that truth and how it applies to our lives again and again. The lens through which we see the world today is different from the lens we used when we were children. Likewise, the lens we use today is different from that of 100 or 1,000 years ago. We engage with God and God can handle our questions. We can push further and dig deeper.

If you ever want to discuss one of these big questions, please come and see me. I love theological questions and searching for the answers with friends. I look forward to continuing the journey with you and growing in faith with you.

In the Gospel of John, we read, "After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he

Peace,
~ Matt

"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?"

Ian Loeppky
(Director of Choral Activities, UNA)

So . . .
What Are
You
Waiting For?

You can access Dr. Matthew Tennant's 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>).

During September we acknowledge as a church family the special contributions of

Will Brown
who is celebrating his
1st Anniversary as Associate Minister of Community
and
Thomas Hill
who is celebrating his
35th Anniversary at UBC.

Thank you, Will and Thomas.
We appreciate your dedication and hard work!



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Tony Barretta — At Home
Sally Chewing — At Home

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to:

Brent Wilson and his family at the death of his grandmother.

Melanie Tennant and her family at the deaths of her uncle, Alvin Ashmore, on September 7, and her uncle, Jack Caudle, on September 11.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to W.C. and Anne Keith on the birth of a great grandson, Sutton Steele, on September 8 to Kristen and Adam McElhany. The great great grandmother is Ruth Dillard.

Wednesday, September 20

5:00 pm — Supper: Ham, Macaroni & cheese, Greens

6:10 pm — Program: “Faith as a Journey: Mutual, Self-Giving Love Between the Master and the Beloved”

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.



VIRGINIA BAPTIST DISASTER RESPONSE

[Web page](#)

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Please join us in continuing to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

- Pray for the victims, the local officials, and for those who strive to be the hands and feet of God as they offer comfort and relief and begin the rebuilding process.
- Give financially. **Make your check out to UBC and designate it for Harvey Flood Relief.**
- Join with a friend, class, or group to make **FLOOD BUCKETS & HYGIENE KITS**

UBC will be an area collection center for Flood Buckets (cleaning supplies) and Hygiene Kits for Houston flood victims. Details and lists of supplies to put in the buckets and kits can be found on the UBC website.

Contact [Erin Brown](#) or [Sarah Wilson](#) for more information.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, September 13

- 10:00 PBJ Women’s Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Loaded nachos)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children’s Mission Activities
- 6:10 “Faith as a Journey: Freedom As a Participatory Relationship With God”
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 14

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SATURDAY, September 16

- 9:30 Young Adult Brunch

SUNDAY, September 17

- 8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 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 18

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 6:30 Deacons’ Meeting

TUESDAY, September 19

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

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THE LOVE OF GOD

Presented by

The Virginia Baptist Women’s Choral

Saturday, September 23

6:00 pm

UBC Sanctuary

Diane Mundell and Jen Bates, from our congregation, are members of the chorale

Toy Collection

We are collecting new and gently used toys suitable for 4-year-old Iggy Staller. His family was a part of our congregation before moving to Houston. They had to evacuate during Hurricane

Harvey, leaving behind many of Iggy’s clothes and toys.

You can leave toys outside the nursery or give gift cards to Judy Gough, who will see that the family receives the donations.