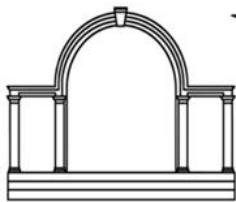


**RE-CONNECT**

Sunday, Sept. 11... Connect with Christ  
Sunday, Sept. 18... Connect with Community  
Sunday, Sept. 25... Connect with Confidence



**Re-connect: Connect with Community**



**UNIVERSITY**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

# WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

September 18, 2016

11:00 a.m.

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE – *Prelude in C – Soli Deo Gloria*..... J. S. Bach

## LIGHTING THE CANDLES

We light the two candles on the communion table to remind us of the oneness of Christ with God and the oneness of Christ with humankind.

## OPENING THE BIBLE

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to the people through the Holy Word.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are God's church: we come together to worship.

**People: God has given us Holy Scripture: we come together to learn God's truth.**

Leader: God has filled us with the Holy Spirit's power: we go out to bring others to Jesus.

**People: God has called us into a new kind of family: we come together to share our lives.**

Leader: God has put Good News on our lips: we go out to tell the world about God's saving love.

**People: God has given us this joy: we come together to celebrate.**

Leader: God has showered us with heaven's riches: we go out to share Divine goodness with others.

**People: God has freed us from our past sins: we come together to move forward in grace.**

Leader: God has planned for us a glorious future: we go out to live our lives to God's delight.

**People: We are God's church: we come together to worship.**

\*\* HYMN – *Rise Up, O Church of God* ..... ST THOMAS  
(see insert)

\*\* INVOCATION

WELCOME

MISSIONS MOMENT

HYMN 384 – *The Bond of Love* ..... SKILLINGS  
(During the singing of this hymn, the children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Sermon.)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(At the conclusion of the Children’s Sermon, all children, kindergarten through grade two, are invited to attend Children’s Church.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Acts 2:42-47(NIV)

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*\* HYMN 353 – *Living Stones* ..... ARLINGTON

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM – *Home (The Arms of God)* ..... Sorenson

Every heart without a home, every widow left alone, every soul that is distressed, there is rest.  
Every prayer that has no voice or the freedom to rejoice, from the darkness be released,  
there is peace.

There is peace, there is rest. There is hope for the broken, there is help for the weak.  
There is peace, there is rest, and the arms of God will hold you all the way.

Every sinner who’s confessed but in guilt is still oppressed by the sin that’s been erased, there is grace.  
When the father’s walked away, and the mother’s left to pray,  
when the child has been disowned, welcome home.

Welcome home, welcome home. Your sins have been forgiven, your stains washed away  
Welcome home, welcome home, and the arms of God will lead you all the way.

Every soldier home from war, who’s been shaken to the core,  
rise on strength that’s not your own, and come on home.  
Come on home, come on home – and the arms of God will guide you all the way.

# Rise Up, O Church of God

Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die. Revelation 3:2

1. Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with less - er things;  
2. Rise up, O Church of God! His king - dom tar - ries long;  
3. Rise up, O sons of God! The Church for you doth wait,  
4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;

Give heart and mind and soul and strength To serve the King of kings.  
Bring in the day of broth - er - hood And end the night of wrong.  
Her strength un - e - qual to her task, Rise up, and make her great!  
As fol - l'wers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O Church of God!

*Optional last stanza setting*

4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have

trod; As fol-l'wers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O Church of God!

TEXT: William P. Merrill, altered  
MUSIC: Aaron Williams; arranged by Joseph Barlowe

ST. THOMAS  
S.M.

SERMON – “Re-connect: Life in the Elephant Monastery”

Rev. Gary Dalton

INVITATION

\*\* HYMN 457 – *Lord, Be Glorified* ..... BE GLORIFIED

*(Anyone who would like to explore what it means to accept Jesus into your life, to request baptism, or to bring your membership to UBC from another congregation, is invited to come to the front as we begin to sing this hymn; or you may contact Rev. Dalton to speak privately with him.)*

\*\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY – *Prelude in D – flat – the Peace of God* .....Glière

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*\* POSTLUDE – *Fanfare Fugue in C – Rejoice!* .....J. S. Bach

\*\* THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY ABLE ARE INVITED TO STAND AT THESE POINTS IN THE SERVICE.

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

Gary Dalton, Senior Minister in the Interim  
Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship  
Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community  
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministry Coordinator  
Barbara Moore, Organist  
Sanctuary Choir  
Laurie Pallini, Medical On-call

**UBC Mission Statement**

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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, September 18

6:00 pm Jubilate Rehearsal  
Intersect C'ville

### Wednesday, September 21

5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
(Reservations needed)  
6:15 pm "OBTW, SOJ": Evangelism  
as Spiritual Guidance

### Thursday, September 22

9:30 am Pre-K Play Group

## Memorial Golf Event

Sunday, September 25  
3:00 pm



Meadowcreek — \$20  
9 holes, Captain's Choice,  
Cart

Putt Putt — \$5  
All you can play!

Contact Larry Johnson to register.  
[LAJohnson1950@gmail.com](mailto:LAJohnson1950@gmail.com)



What happens when God's love and  
justice intersect our community?

Sundays  
5:00 pm  
Free dinner at 6

Reflection, Worship, Action

[www.universitybaptist.org/intersect](http://www.universitybaptist.org/intersect)



## Pizza and Games on The Lawn Sunday, September 18 After Worship

Preschoolers and Children  
(and their parents)  
are invited to join us!

## Child Safety Seat Check

Friday, September 23

9 am - Noon

UBC Front Parking Lot

Child Passenger Seat Technicians from UVA  
Children's Hospital, the Thomas Jefferson  
Health District, and the Virginia Department of  
Health will check the child safety seat.

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### **WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

We are blessed by your presence with us in worship, and trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

### **BROADCAST SYSTEM FOR HEARING IMPAIRED**

Our sanctuary is equipped with a broadcast system for the hearing impaired. Please contact one of the ushers to borrow a personal receiver.

### **LIVE RADIO BROADCAST**

The worship service of our church is broadcast live every Sunday on WINA 1070 AM, and 98.9 FM.

### **WORSHIP HOUR CHILDCARE**

Childcare is available during the worship service for birth through preschool on the ground level. See the ushers for information and directions. The Childcare workers today are Judy Gough, Erin Brown, and Jennifer Wagoner.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

We offer a Children's Church for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Children start worship in the adult service with their parents and then, after the Children's Sermon, follow their leaders to Room 210. For parents who wish to have their children stay with them during worship, activity bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers. The Children's Church leaders today are Peachie Mays and Taraneh Brown.

### **FLOWERS**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Hugh's mother, Virginia Ames, by Hugh and Diana Ames.

### **Bible Study at Rosewood**

The Monday Adult Bible Study meets on Mondays, at 10:30 am, at Rosewood Village on Greenbrier Drive. All adults are welcome to attend this weekly Bible study. Communion is served every second Monday. Study leader for September is Rev. Will Brown.

### **PBJ Women's Bible Study**

(Prayer, Bible study, Joyful Fellowship)

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am

We will be doing a 5-part study of the Lord's Prayer. Contact Lynn Martin if you are interested. (434-977-8090 or [Lmartinx2@comcast.net](mailto:Lmartinx2@comcast.net))

## **Openness Task Force Congregational Book Study and Discussions**

**Sunday, September 18, 8:45 am:** Church-wide Breakfast  
**9:15 am:** Congregational Conversation

**Sundays, September 25, October 2, October 9, 9:45 am:** Individual Sunday Bible Study Class Discussions of David Gushee's book, *Changing Our Mind*; Will Brown will lead a discussion of the book in Room 114 (Conference Room/Library) for those not in a Bible Study Class

**Wednesday, October 5, 6:15 pm:** "Psychology Behind Sexual Orientation" — Professor Charlotte Patterson

**Sunday, October 16, 9:15 am:** Church-wide Congregational Conversation

**Wednesday, October 19, 6:15 pm:** Church-wide Conversation

**Sunday, October 23:** Called Church Conference to vote on next steps

### **For further reading**

Bibliography of additional resources — <http://universitybaptist.org/bibliography> (In Room 114, the Conference Room/Library, there are copies of some of the books as well as a binder of all of the articles.)

**New and relevant articles will continue to be added, so check them often.**

### **The Openness Task Force has Provided Materials for Further Reading**

A bibliography of additional resources can be found at <http://universitybaptist.org/bibliography> and in Room 114, the Conference Room/Library. Also available in the Conference Room are some paper copies of articles related to our Church Conversation about membership of openly gay persons. The following samples from the bibliography lead to online articles that provide varying viewpoints on the LGBT issue.

- "I'm an evangelical minister. I now support the LGBT community - and the church should too" <http://goo.gl/1qyfqK> (A summary of David Gushee's stance, published in the Washington Post)
- "Review: Changing Our Mind" <http://goo.gl/1JhWLC> (Written by one of David Gushee's former colleagues, this is a broadly point-by-point rebuttal of Gushee's argument.)
- "The Gay Debate: The Bible and Homosexuality" <http://goo.gl/CTUuyj> (A summary of Matthew Vines' position regarding the biblical questions around sexuality, video and transcript)
- "God and the Gay Christian? A Response to Matthew Vines" <http://goo.gl/sn3hdl> (A critical review of Matthew Vines' work; a free e-book, available to download at the above website). Multiple copies of this 96-page book are available.