

**UNIVERSITY
BAPTIST CHURCH**

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

November 27, 2016

11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent ... HOPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Prior to Worship)

PRELUDE – *Of the Father's Love Begotten*..... Bock

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: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your praise to the Lord.

**People: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness
are all of God.**

Leader: We have hope, because God is faithful and will keep the promise He made to us.

People: Our hope comes from God!

** HYMN 83 – *Arise, Your Light Is Come* FESTAL SONG

** INVOCATION

WELCOME

The Celebration of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Today we light a candle to remind us that our hope comes from God, who is faithful to keep all His promises to us.

(The Candle of Hope is lit)

**People: Thank you, God, for the Hope of the world revealed
in Your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

HYMN – *Light the Light, the Fire of Life* (see insert – stanza 1).... IL EST NE

(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.)

MEDITATION – *Call to Advent* arr. Williams

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5 (NIV)

¹ This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: ² In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. ³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. ⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 76 – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV)

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

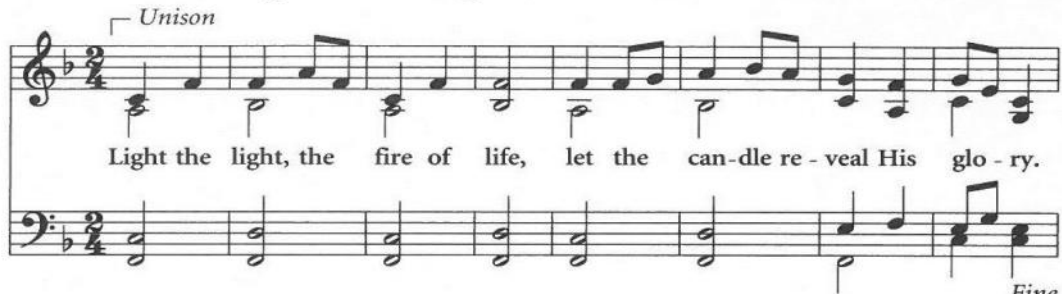
⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

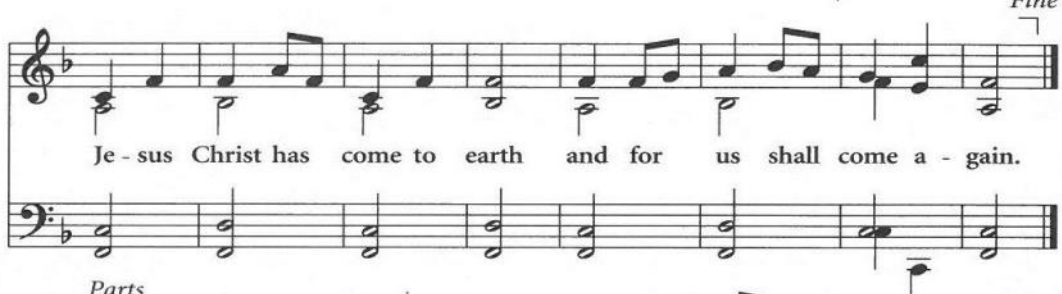
People: Thanks be to God!

Light the Light, the Fire of Life

Unison



Light the light, the fire of life, let the can-dle re - veal His glo - ry.



Je - sus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come a - gain.

Fine

Parts



1. Light the can - dle of His hope, light the light of proph - et's sto - ry,
2. Light the can - dle of His peace, light the light of an - gels sing - ing,
3. Light the can - dle of His joy, light the light of shep - herds' com - ing,
4. Light the can - dle of His love, light the light of Beth - lehem's sta - ble,
5. Light the can - dle of His birth, Ad - vent's prom - ise now ful - fill - ing,

D.C.



light the can - dle of His hope, light the light we all must hold.
 light the can - dle of His peace, light the light that shone that night.
 light the can - dle of His joy, light the light that shows the way.
 light the can - dle of His love, light the light by which we see.
 light the can - dle of His birth, light the light of Christ - mas Eve.

WORDS: David Montoya, 1997
 MUSIC: French carol, 18th cent.; arr. David W. Music, 1997

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 7.8.7.7 with refrain

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM – *Of the Father's Love Begotten*.....arr. Wohlgemuth

SERMON – **“Train Wreck Before the Wedding”**

Rev. Gary Dalton

INVITATION

** HYMN 79 – *Blessed Be the God of Israel* FOREST GREEN

*(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 – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*..... Cherwien

** BENEDICTION

** POSTLUDE – *Arise, Your Light Has Come*.....Walter

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

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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
Sally Chewning, Medical On-call

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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 Karen Minor, Colleen Baber, and Diane Woerner.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We offer a Children's Church for K-2nd 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 Amanda Ohlms and Javaneh Brown.

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Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, November 30
6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

This will be a service to remember our departed loved ones, to support each other in our pain and loss during this holiday season, and to support our community during this time of unusual stress.

Candles will be lit to acknowledge family and friends, our pain and loss, our worries and struggles, and God's faithfulness in our lives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 27

6:00 pm Jubilate Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 30

5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper
(Reservations needed)
6:00 pm (Brief) Called Church Conference
6:15 pm Service of Remembrance
6:00 pm Children's Activities
6:15 pm Service of Remembrance
7:10 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

9:30 am Pre-K Play Group

Children's Christmas Shop

We are collecting small gift items that our children can "purchase" as Christmas gifts for their family members.

Bring donations to the Preschool Department by Monday, December 5.

UBC Cat's Meow

A limited number of Cat's Meow replicas of UBC will be available in the First Floor Lobby for the next few Sundays and in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings. Or if you want to reserve one, contact Sarah Buchanan (sarahbucha@gmail.com or 434-409-9064). **They sell for \$20 each. All proceeds will be donated to [The Alyssa House](#).**

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. Alba Beasley is leading throughout November.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday Bible Study Classes will not meet on December 24 & January 1
Worship will meet at regular time at 11:00 am

CBF Global Missions

During the month of December, we will be collecting money for the CBF Global Missions Fund. Our goal is \$4000.

The theme for this year's offering is "Bearing Witness to Jesus Christ," focusing on one of the commitments of CBF Global Missions. We bear witness to the Gospel through words that invite faith and actions that embody the way of Jesus. This year, our congregation is invited to discover the ways that God is working alongside field personnel bearing witness to Jesus Christ in Thailand, China, Southern Kentucky, and in the poorest counties in the United States.

Poinsettias

If you would like a poinsettia placed in the church in memory or in honor of a loved one, please place your order by submitting a check payable to UBC for **\$8.00 per plant by Monday, December 5.**

A Quiet Place to Study

Volunteers are needed to host students in Fellowship Hall December 7-15 from 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm each day as they prepare for exams. If you can be there for **a couple of hours** or prepare snacks and goodies for the students, check the sign-up board or contact Alba Beasley.

Christmas Dinner in a Bag

1 box stove-top stuffing mix

1 jar gravy

1 large can green beans

1 box Jiffy pie crust mix

1 box instant potatoes

1 large can sweet potatoes

1 can cranberry sauce

1 can pie filling

The WMU will add a \$10 Food Lion gift card for turkey or ham.

Put all items in a paper or reusable fabric grocery bag and place them on the Fellowship Hall stage **by Sunday, December 18.**

The bags will be delivered to Love INC to be distributed to needy families for Christmas.

If you can't do the shopping, we welcome donations for the gift cards. Make checks payable to UBC and earmark them for "Christmas Dinner in a Bag."