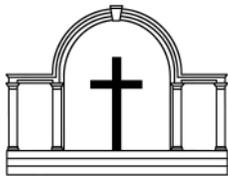




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**UNIVERSITY
BAPTIST CHURCH**

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

December 25, 2016

11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*..... Innes

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: Rejoice! Happy Christmas to everyone!

People: Happy Christmas to you, also!

Leader: Christ our Savior is born.

People: God's Light is poured into the world.

Leader: O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.

People: Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!

** HYMN 87 – *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*ANTIOCH

** INVOCATION

WELCOME

HYMN 103 – *Away in a Manger*..... MUELLER

(During the singing of this hymn, the children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children's Church will not meet today—Children may return to their seats with their parents.)

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 7:1-2, 10-17 (NIV)

¹ When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

² Now the house of David was told, "Aram has allied itself with Ephraim"; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test."

¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. ¹⁷ The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria."

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 1:18-25 (NIV)

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 112 – *He Is Born*.....IL EST NÉ

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 101 – *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 2:8-14 (NIV)

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 94 – *Angels from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

MORNING PRAYER

SERMON

“Extract of Eternal”

Rev. Gary Dalton

INVITATION

** HYMN 98 – *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* (stanzas 1, 4, 5) WALTHAM

(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 – *Angels We Have Heard On High* Burkhardt

** BENEDICTION

** POSTLUDE – *Good Christian Men, Rejoice, Christ Is Born Today* T. Smith

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Gary Dalton, Senior Minister in the Interim
Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community
Barbara Moore, Organist
Sanctuary Choir
Children's Sermon, Erin Brown
Nelda Vaughan, Call to Worship
Laurie Pallini, Medical On-call

CBF Global Missions

During the month of December, we are collecting money for the CBF Global Missions Fund. Our goal is \$3000.

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.

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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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 worker today is Judy Gough.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Most Sundays, 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. **There is no Children's Church today.**

End-of-Year Contributions

Contributions need to be postmarked by December 31 to be included in the 2016 contribution statements.

Sunday Bible Study classes will not meet

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Wednesday Night Supper and Activities

will resume on January 9, 2017