



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST
January 1, 2017
11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *In Thee Is Gladness,*

Jesus Sunshine of My Heart J.S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The two candles on the communion table are lit to remind us of the oneness of Christ with God and the oneness of Christ with human-kind.

OPENING OF THE BIBLE

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

SETTING OF THE TABLE

The table is prepared with a loaf of bread and a cup, symbolizing Christ's atoning death, the Church's identity as the one Body of Christ, and the fullness of salvation in the future of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who are faithful, and all who seek faith.

People: Come, behold the Christ-child!

Leader: Come, rejoice in the Prince of Peace.

People: Let us follow in the Way of Peace.

Leader: Let us embrace the promise of God's gift.

**People: May the Christ-child be born within us, and
may his peace lead us in a new life of faith and
action! Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Celebration of the profession of faith in Jesus Christ
of Mel Maybee

** HYMN 89 – *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

** INVOCATION

WELCOME

At this time, please sign and pass the red fellowship book located at the left end of the pew. When everyone has signed, return the book. Take this opportunity to note the names of the members and visitors seated on the same pew with you. Speak to them after the service.

HYMN 107 – *Oh, Come, Little Children* (Stanza 1)..... SCHULZ
As the Congregation sings, all Children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Sermon.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONMatthew 2:13-23

¹³ When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order to kill him."

¹⁴ Joseph got up and, during the night, took the child and his mother to Egypt. ¹⁵ He stayed there until Herod died. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: *I have called my son out of Egypt.*

¹⁶ When Herod knew the magi had fooled him, he grew very angry. He sent soldiers to kill all the children in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding territory who were two years old and younger, according to the time that he had learned from the magi.

¹⁷ This fulfilled the word spoken through Jeremiah the prophet:

¹⁸ *A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and much grieving. Rachel weeping for her children, and she did not want to be comforted, because they were no more.*

¹⁹ After King Herod died, an angel from the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. ²⁰ "Get up," the angel said, "and take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are dead." ²¹ Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus ruled over Judea in place of his father Herod, Joseph was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he went to the area of Galilee. ²³ He

settled in a city called Nazareth so that what was spoken through the prophets

might be fulfilled: *He will be called a Nazarene.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 116 – *Our Savior’s Infant Cries Were Heard* ST. AGNES

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷ I will recount the Lord’s faithful acts; I will sing the Lord’s praises, because of all the Lord did for us, for God’s great favor toward the house of Israel. God treated them compassionately and with deep affection.

⁸ God said, “Truly, they are my people, children who won’t do what is wrong.” God became their savior. ⁹ During all their distress, God also was distressed, so a messenger who served him saved them. In love and mercy God redeemed them, lifting and carrying them throughout earlier times.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

MORNING PRAYER (unison)

Gracious God, we pray this day for all who have come with us to Bethlehem. We pray for those who are poor and cold and hungry like the shepherds, that they may hear good news. We pray for those who are wandering and searching like the magi, that they may find the place to leave their gifts and their burdens. We pray for those who are busy, hurried, preoccupied like the innkeeper, that they may know the peace that comes from a genuine act of hospitality. We pray for those like Herod who have power, that they may use it with good will. We pray for ourselves—we who each need comfort and peace, even joy, in this starlit season and all the days of our lives. Amen.

SERMON

“The Wisdom of Finnegan”

Rev. Will Brown

ANTHEM – *In Remembrance* Red

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

** HYMN 370 – *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* BEGINNINGS

(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 – *Listen for peace on earth, listen for hope .. Hayes*

BENEDICTION

**** POSTLUDE – *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES**

**** 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
Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community
Barbara Moore, Organist
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministry Coordinator
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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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 Aimee Marshall.

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. **Children's Church will not meet today.**

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Sam W. Parker on his January 3rd birthday, by Edith and Edwin Parker.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 4

No Supper or Activities

Sunday, January 8

6:00 pm Real Life

Monday, January 9

10:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study at Rosewood Village, Greenbrier Drive
Rev. Gary Dalton will lead in January

Wednesday, January 11

5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper will resume
(Reservations/cancellations required by Monday, 10 am)

6:00 pm Prayer Time

6:00 pm Children's Activities

6:15 pm Bible Study led by Rev. Gary Dalton

7:10 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

