

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST
March 12, 2017
11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Know a Fount (Where Sins are Washed Away) Kerrick

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: Come, all who need help!

People: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Come, all who desire blessing!

People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation!

People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.

** HYMN 4 – *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

** 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 so you may greet them after the service.)

MISSION MOMENT

HYMN 344 – *Jesus Loves Me* (stanzas 1, 2)..... CHINA
(As the Congregation sings, all children are invited to come to the front 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.)

LITANY Psalm 121

Leader: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

People: My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

People: The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

People: The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 74 – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

MORNING PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 3:1-11,16-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM – *God So Loved the World* Stainer

SERMON

"Strawberry Fields Forever"

Rev. Gary Dalton

INVITATION

** HYMN 141 – *The Old Rugged Cross* OLD RUGGED CROSS

(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 – *I Worship You, Almighty God* Tornquist

BENEDICTION

**** GREETING**

**** POSTLUDE – *To God Be the Glory* Doane**

**** 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
Barbara Moore, Organist
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Sanctuary Choir
Clara Belle Wheeler, Medical On-call

**Called Church Conference To Vote on Budget
Today, March 12, Immediately after worship**

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 workers today are Judy Gough, Lindsay Marshall, and Wyatt Minor.

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 Jeannette May and Chandler Proffitt.

FLOWERS

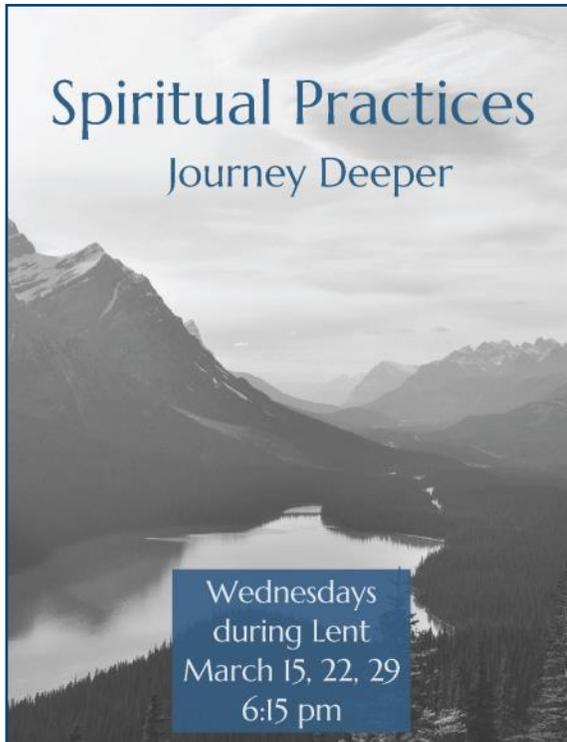
The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Edna Mae Witter born March 13, 1917, by her daughter Mildred and son-in-law Melvin Spicer.

Senior Minister Search Committee

The **Senior Minister Search Committee** is posting regular updates on the UBC website. These can be accessed here:

<http://universitybaptist.org/pastorsearch>

Please contact any member of the Search Committee with your questions, suggestions, and concerns.



LENT

A Time of Spiritual Renewal

Lent is the forty-day period (excluding Sundays) in the church year set aside for spiritual preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Saturday before Easter Sunday. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing himself for his earthly ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini Easter,” and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with the joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Invitation to Meet With The Senior Minister Search Committee After Worship, Sunday, March 19 Church Fellowship Hall

The Senior Minister Search Committee would like to update everyone on its progress in seeking UBC's next Senior Minister. You're invited to hear their update and to ask any questions or express any concerns you may have as they continue their work. If you heard from Committee members in one of their recent visits with our adult Sunday School classes, you are welcomed to attend this meeting as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 12

6:00 pm Real Life

Monday, March 13

10:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study at Rosewood Village, Greenbrier Drive
Rev. Leon Castle will lead in March.

Wednesday, March 15

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

6:00 pm Prayer Time

6:00 pm Children's Activities

6:15 pm "Spiritual Practices" Study

7:10 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

O I A M

(Operation InAsMuch)

Saturday, April 29

UBCers doing one-day hands-on mission projects
for non-profits and individuals in our community

*Know of a project that can be done for a local non-profit or individual?
Contact Sarah Buchanan — sarahbucha@gmail.com*

Children's Mission Program Project

Each Wednesday night our Children's Mission Program will be assembling 12 bags of healthy, non-perishable food to go in weekend backpacks for children at Venable Elementary School. This backpack program at Venable provides meals and snacks for the weekend for families who are currently unable to provide meals for the family. All Souls Church is partnering with UBC to collect food for these weekend bags. You can help by donating packages of 12 or more of the following foods:

- Oatmeal, Grits, Cream of wheat, Individual cereal, Breakfast bars
- Soup, Chili, Instant noodles, Peanut butter/cheese crackers
- Mac & cheese, Canned chicken, Canned Ravioli, Canned Beefaroni, Canned Spaghetti, Canned Beans
- Protein bars, Fruit cups, Raisins, Popcorn, Pudding, Pretzels
- Shelf-stable milk boxes, Juice boxes

Look for collection boxes on the stage in the fellowship hall, and in the first floor lobby.

CVBA Women's Retreat
(Central Virginia Baptist Association)

A LOVE THAT CHANGES LIVES

Saturday, March 25, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Beaver Dam Baptist Church

Cost: \$10 (Free Child Care)

RSVP: cvbawomensministry@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES

Jubilate Homecoming Concert

Sunday, March 26

IMPACT Nehemiah Action

Monday, April 17

Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, April 19

OIAM

Saturday, April 29

Youth Senior Sunday

May 14

Variety Show

Wednesday, May 17

Church Picnic

Sunday, June 11

Touch-a-Truck

Saturday, June 17

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23

Youth Summer Mission Trip

July 30-August 4