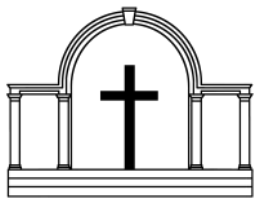




FOURTH SUNDAY

OF

Advent



UNIVERSITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

December 24, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent ... Peace

CHIMES

We sound three chimes, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones as we prepare to worship.

OPENING SENTENCE

Leader: Our souls magnify the Holy One!

People: Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior!

PRELUDE - *Fantasy on "O Come, All Ye Faithful"*Burkhardt

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

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

OPENING THE BIBLE

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

CALL TO WORSHIPbased on Psalm 98

Leader: I will sing about the wonders of your love forever, O God!

People: I will tell everyone I meet about your faithfulness to all generations!

Leader: I will declare that your love stands firm, that your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above!

People: Blessed are those who know you as their God, for they walk in the light of your presence!

** HYMN 88 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

** INVOCATION

WELCOME

HYMN 106 - *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*W ZLOBIE LEZY

(The children are invited to come forward at this time for The Celebration of the Advent Wreath.

At the conclusion, all children, Kindergarten through grade two, are invited to attend Children's Church.)

Celebration of The Advent Wreath

RESPONSE - *Peace Comes From God* (see insert)..... MARYTON

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONRomans 16:25-27 (NRSV)

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Leader : This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 100 - *Angels We Have Heard on High*..... GLORIA

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 101 - *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*..... TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM - *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*arr. Broughton

“Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, help me rock the child divine;
Sing to him a lullaby: ‘Now sleep and rest, your slumber blest, O Jesus.’”
He came among us at Christmastide, at Christmastide, in Bethlehem;
Bringing to us far and wide Love’s diadem.
Eia, Eia; Jesus Christ who comes to earth to save us.

“Gladly, Mother Mary, mine, will I rock the child divine;
While I sing a lullaby: ‘O sleep and rest, your slumber blest, dear Jesus.’”
He came among us at Christmastide, at Christmastide, in Bethlehem;
Bringing to us far and wide Love’s diadem.
Eia, Eia; Jesus Christ who comes to earth to save us.

SERMON

“God Is With Us”

Dr. Matthew Tennant

MEDITATION - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*..... Redner

INVITATION

** HYMN 105 - *Child in the Manger*BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY - *Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men:*

this song from the heart should be our prayer Manz

** DEDICATION - *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*..... STUTTGART
(see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - *Christ Our Savior Was Born on Christmas Day*..... Innes

GREETING

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Matthew Tennant, Senior Minister

Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship

Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community

Barbara Moore, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Dean Tennant, Saxophone

Peace Comes From God Who Reigns Above

Tune: Maryton

Music: H. Percy Smith

Peace comes from God who reigns a - bove,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Peace comes from God who reigns a - bove,"

5 who holds us all in stead - fast love;

The second system of musical notation, starting at measure 5. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "who holds us all in stead - fast love;"

9 whose spi - rit blows a - cross the earth. pre -

The third system of musical notation, starting at measure 9. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "whose spi - rit blows a - cross the earth. pre -"

13 par - ing us for se - cond birth.

The fourth system of musical notation, starting at measure 13. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "par - ing us for se - cond birth."

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Text: Charles Wesley, alt.

Music: R. H. Prichard

Tune: Stuttgart

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Come, thou long ex - pec - ted Je - sus, Peace to all the earth thou art;

5

Deep de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Peace to ev - 'ry long - ing heart.

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The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Come, thou long ex - pec - ted Je - sus, Peace to all the earth thou art;". The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with lyrics: "Deep de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Peace to ev - 'ry long - ing heart.".

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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.

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.

BROADCAST INFORMATION

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

WORSHIP HOUR CHILDCARE

Childcare is available during the worship service for newborns through preschoolers on the ground level. See the ushers for information and directions. The Childcare workers today are Judy Gough, Suzanne Smith, Laura Faye and Carter Groff.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We offer a Children's Church for K-2nd graders. Children start the worship hour in the sanctuary with their families and then follow their leaders upstairs to Room 210 after the Children's Sermon. Children are also welcome to stay with their families in the sanctuary, and children's bulletins and activity bags are available from the ushers. The Children's Church leaders today are Pam Hallissy and Connor Marshall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 24

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 31

11:00 am Morning Worship Service

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASSES WILL
NOT MEET**
Sunday, December 31

NO SUPPER, NO PROGRAMS
Wednesday, December 27, 2017
Wednesday, January 3, 2018

*University Baptist Church, 1223 West Main Street, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
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**Candlelight Service for the Entire Family
Sunday, December 24, 5:00 pm**

End of Year Giving

Your offerings this year have built on the successful ministry God has created at UBC. Please prayerfully consider making an extra year-end gift to the church to set the stage for God's work in the future.



All contributions need to be postmarked by December 31 to be included in the 2017 contributions statements.

End of Year Giving with a Joyful Heart

Stewardship Pledges for 2018

We invite you to prayerfully consider turning in a Pledge Card if you have not already done so. You can send your card to the church office, put it in the offering plate on Sunday, call Sue Walton at the office, or email office@universitybaptist.org.

CBF Global Missions

Contributions are still being accepted for the CBF Global Missions Fund. Our goal is \$3,000.



UBC Cancellation Policy

In the event of bad winter weather, announcements of any cancellations or changes in worship or church activities will be made on our local TV stations; Radio AM WINA 1070 and FM 98.9, ESPN AM 1450, FM WVTF 89.7, Z95.1, 3WV 97.5, and The Corner 106.1; and on the home page of our website.

We will make an announcement usually no later than 8 am Sunday or 1 pm for Wednesday evening activities.



**The following have placed poinsettias
in our sanctuary
for the Advent season:**



In honor of our grandchildren, Austin, Marshall, Lily and Annalee,
by Larry and Lynn Martin

In honor of my sister, Cila, by Lily Pallini

With love and in celebration of our grandchildren, Maya, Will, Alice, Henry, Lynda,
Miles, Lee, and Emmylou, by Ron and Lynda Tweel

In loving memory of Andrew Baber by his mother, Colleen Baber

In memory of our parents, Robert and Catherine Barker, and Robert and
Gertrude Harris, by Betty and Ed Barker

In memory of my parents, Bertha and Frank Wood Sr., by Bettie Black

In memory of my husband, Charles E. Black, by Bettie Black

In memory of my brothers and sister-in-law, Jake Wood, Frank W. Wood Jr. and
Dorothy Wood, by Bettie Black

In memory of Sarah's parents, Bob and Emily Mundell, by Sarah and John Buchanan

In memory of John's parents, Alvin Buchanan and Wanda Buchanan Haynes,
by John and Sarah Buchanan

In memory of our foster daughter and niece, Angela Faye Buchanan,
by John and Sarah Buchanan

In memory of my parents, James R. "Jim Bob" and Ruth Clark, by Shirley Clark

In memory of Gail's parents, O.W. And Ruby King, by Gail and Johnny Ellen

In memory of Gail's brothers, Kenneth, Phil, and Andy King, by Gail and Johnny Ellen

In memory of Johnny's dad, Joe Ellen, and his brother, Sparky Ellen, by
Johnny and Gail Ellen

In memory of Johnny's mom and step-dad, Melba and Dixie Weatherspoon, by
Johnny and Gail Ellen

In memory of Howard, Betty and Julie Newlon, and Nick Gaines, by the Gaines Family

In memory of Don Gardner, by the Gardner Family

In memory of our mother, Frances Murphy, by the Gardner Family

In memory of Ray and Rachael Gobble, by Jack and Marsha Gobble

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In memory of my parents, Clair and Edith Dollins, by Mary Jo, Alan, Jay, William
and Thomas Hendricks

In memory of my husband, Paul Joe Jenkins by his wife, Betty Jenkins

In memory of my brother, Lou, and his wife, Lou Meyer, and Bonnie Meyer,
by his sister, Betty Jenkins

In memory of Larry 's parents, John and Mildred Johnson, by Larry and Debby Johnson

In memory of Marvin B. Key Sr., by Marvin and Ruth Key

In loving memory of William "Bill" Lawrence, by Peggy Lawrence and family

In memory of Ed's parents, Al and Alice Lowry, by Ed and Carolyn Lowry

In memory of Carolyn's parents, Willard and Edna Petitt, by Carolyn and Ed Lowry

In memory of Carolyn's brothers, Jack and Kenneth Petitt, by Carolyn and Ed Lowry

In memory of Carolyn's sister, Betty Murphy, by Carolyn and Ed Lowry

In memory of Burleigh and Lib Key, by Marvin and Ruth Key

In memory of Jack, Margaret, and Dick Martin, by Larry and Lynn Martin

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe May, by Jeannette May

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Colleen Taylor, by Jeannette May

In memory of Bill's parents, William and Sarah Murray, by Bill and Barbara Murray

In memory of Barbara's parents, Ed and Lettie Maybee, by Barbara and Bill Murray

In memory of Ralph F. Overbeck Jr., by Lula Overbeck and Ruth Key

In memory of my parents, Amandio Augusto and Maria Celestina Costa Ramos,
by Lily Pallini

In memory of Sam Parker, by Edith and Edwin Parker

In memory of Bob Sears, by Sue Sears

In memory of Virginia Shepherd by Carolyn and Henry Hallett, Judy and Bill Goodson,
and Sara Shepherd

In memory of our parents, by Wellford and Nell Tiller

In memory of my Mom, Xiuqin Ma, by Esther Tian

In memory of Julia Vaughan, by Richard and Nelda Vaughan

In memory of Julia Vaughan, by Katherine and Joey Hamel

In memory of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Eller, by Anne and Jack Wilkerson ,
and family

In memory of Fred and Christiane Willard, by the Willard family

In memory of my parents, Ed and Ruby Williams, and brother, Jim Williams,
by Martha Williams

In loving memory of Eldon Wood, by Martha Wood

