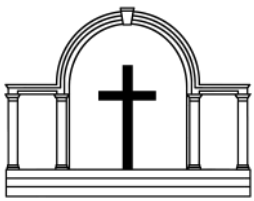




Adoration of the Magi
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UNIVERSITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

January 7, 2018

Epiphany Sunday

11:00 a.m.

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: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **The light of Christ shine on us all!**

PRELUDE - *All Glory Be to God on High* Manz

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.)

SETTING THE TABLE

(We prepare the table 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: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: **The light has shined on all who live in the shadow of death.**

Leader: The Lord is our Light and our Salvation!

People: **Let us worship our God!**

** HYMN - *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (see insert) IN DULCI JUBILO

** INVOCATION

WELCOME

HYMN 115 - *Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness* (stanza 1) JANICE

(As we sing the hymn, the 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.)

** HYMN 117 - *As With Gladness Men of Old*.....DIX

EPIPHANY LITANY

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: The Magi, who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: The peoples, who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: The Christ, who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord,

People: For God has done wondrous things!

** HYMN 89 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*.....ADESTE FIDELIS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONMatthew 2:1-12 I(NRSB)

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for

the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MORNING PRAYER

SOLO - *This Christmastide (Jessey's Carol)*.....Fraser

SERMON

“Seeing Jesus”

Dr. Matthew Tennant

MEDITATION - *The Work of Christmas*.....arr. Schweizer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

** HYMN 118 - *What Child is This?*.....GREENSLEEVES

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY - *We Three Kings of Orient Are*.....Burkhardt

** DEDICATION - *Star of Wonder*Hopkins

Oh! Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright.

Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to the perfect light.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - *Glory Be To The Lord*..... Sadoh

** GREETING

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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce with heart and soul and voice!
 2. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce with heart and soul and voice!
 3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce with heart and soul and voice!

Lis - ten now to what we say: News! News! Je - sus Christ is born to - day.
 Now you hear of end - less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now you need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all, to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day!	Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this!	Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save!	Christ was born to save!

WORDS: Latin (14th century); tr. John Mason Neale, 1853, alt.
 MUSIC: German melody (14th century); harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953

IN DULCI JUBILO
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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.

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 on 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 Aimee Marshall, Arlene Propst, and Ewing Minor.

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 Shirley Clark and Carter Groff.

FLOWERS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 7

6:00 pm Real Life—Youth

Monday, January 8

10:30 am Bible Study—Rosewood

Wednesday, January 10

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

6:00 pm Prayer Time; Children's Missions Program

6:15 pm History and Theology of Baptism - Part 1

7:10pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

9:30 am Pre-K Play Group

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Dr. Matthew Tennant, Senior Minister
William Brown, Associate Minister for Community
Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship
Diane Mundell, Soloist
Barbara Moore, Organist
Sanctuary Choir

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.



Worship Service on YouTube LIVE!

Soon, University Baptist Church will begin broadcasting the weekly worship service live on YouTube. As we make final preparations for this, we need your help:

Go to YouTube and search for "University Baptist Church." Then subscribe to our channel. When we have 100 subscribers, we will be eligible for a custom URL.

Food Drive

For Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

January 8-February 4

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.

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.

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