



# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



# LENT

*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 OF GOD IN CHRIST

March 4, 2018

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..... Dr. Tennant

Leader: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,

**People: And God's weakness is stronger than human strength.**

PRELUDE – *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* – arr. Hayes..... Karen Dalton

LIGHTING THE CANDLES..... Trip and Betsy Kauffman

*(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 ..... Trip and Betsy Kauffman

*(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 aton-  
ing death, the Church's identity as the one Body of Christ, and the fullness of  
salvation in the future of God.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Joyce Martin

Leader: Today is the third step on our Lenten Journey.

**People: We travel together with our eyes on the cross.**

Leader: Jesus' example of loving self-sacrifice clashes with our  
tendency to put ourselves first.

**People: We gather to seek a deeper wisdom.**

Leader: Come, let us move forward toward the Cross.

**People: Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus. Amen.**

\*\* HYMN 6 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*\* INVOCATION..... Rev. Brown

WELCOME..... Rev. Brown

MINISTRY MOMENT – CBF National Missions ..... Pam Hallissy

HYMN – *Bless the Lord* (see insert)

*(As we sing the hymn, the children are invited to come to the front for the Chil-  
dren's Sermon.)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON ..... Erin Brown

*(At the conclusion of the Children's Sermon, all children, kindergarten  
through grade two, are invited to attend Children's Church.)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Proverbs 8:1-5, 32-36 ..... Audrey Miller

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup> “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. <sup>5</sup> O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. <sup>32</sup> “And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. <sup>33</sup> Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. <sup>34</sup> Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. <sup>35</sup> For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord; <sup>36</sup> but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*\* HYMN – *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* (see insert)

EPISTLE LESSON – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 ..... Peter Ohlms

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER THROUGH SONG – *I Lay at the Cross* ..... Dr. Tennant

ANTHEM – *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* – arr. Mallory  
Sanctuary Choir – Diane Mundell, Guest Director

SERMON – “**The Foolishness of the Cross**” ..... Dr. Tennant

MEDITATION ..... Karen Dalton

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION ..... Dr. Tennant

\*\* HYMN 395 – *God of Grace and God of Glory*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Rev. Brown

During the month of March we are collecting contributions to support CBF Field Personnel in their work addressing rural poverty in the United States. Designate checks for CBF National Missions, or use the special envelopes in the pew racks. Please pray for progress in this ongoing work.

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

*(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.)*

OFFERTORY ..... Karen Dalton

*What Wondrous Love is This - arr. Wood*

\*\* DEDICATION HYMN 144 .....*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (stanza 4)

\*\* BENEDICTION.....Dr. Tennant

\*\* POSTLUDE - ..... Karen Dalton

\*\* THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY ABLE ARE INVITED TO STAND AT THESE POINTS IN THE SERVICE.

Special thanks to Karen Dalton and Diane Mundell for their musical leadership in worship today. Please keep Alba and Barbara in your prayers as they travel with Jubilate on their Spring Tour.

*Dr. Matthew Tennant, Senior Minister  
Rev. Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community  
Rev. Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship  
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministry Coordinator  
Erin Brown, Children’s Ministry Coordinator  
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# Bless the Lord

Musical score for "Bless the Lord" in G major, 3/4 time, tempo 76. The score consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system covers the lyrics "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." and the second system covers "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The piano part features a steady bass line with chords and a treble part with a simple melody. Chords are indicated above the staff: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A in the first system, and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm in the second system. The piece begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

## THIS WEEK AT UBC

### SUNDAY, March 4

9:00 Fellowship  
9:30 Seekers Bible Study  
9:45 Bible Study, ESOL Classes  
11:00 Worship Service  
6:00 Youth "Real Life"

### MONDAY, March 5

10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

### TUESDAY, March 6

9:00 UBC Work Team  
9:00 Painting Group  
10:15 Staff Meeting  
7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle Mtg.

### WEDNESDAY, March 7

5:00 Supper (Pizza)  
6:00 Prayer Time  
6:00 Children's Mission Program  
6:15 "Words Matter" - Lenten Study

### THURSDAY, March 8

9:30 Pre-K Play Group

# Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes  
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.  
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Drawing on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: *Sophia*), especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

## **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.

## **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, Laura Faye Groff, Will Wagoner, and Mary Jo Hendricks.

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

We offer a Children's Church for K-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Vittorio Pallini.

## **WATCH OR LISTEN LIVE FROM HOME**

To watch the live video of our worship service on YouTube, find the link on the UBC website, <[www.universitybaptist.org](http://www.universitybaptist.org)>. Audio of our service is broadcast live every Sunday on WINA 1070 AM and 98.9 FM.

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## **FLOWERS**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 70th wedding anniversary of Jim and Lila Marshall, by their children, Sandra, Philip, and Jane.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will vote on the 2018 UBC **budget** in a Called Church Conference at 6:15 pm on Wednesday, March 7.
- **Pictorial Directory Photos** will be taken next Sunday, March 11, and the following Sunday, March 18. Just drop in, 9am-11 am and 12-12:30 pm.
- Pray for **Jubilate** on their tour, March 3-8, as they travel and minister through music in Alabama and New Orleans.
- **Holy Week Services:**
  - Spy Wednesday, March 28, Noon
  - Maundy Thursday, March 29: Supper (5:00 pm) & Service (6:00 pm)
  - Good Friday, March 30, Noon

## SERVE AND GIVE

- **Youth Book Sale Fundraiser:** March 7-14, all books are \$1, with proceeds supporting the Youth Summer Mission Trip
- **CBF National Missions:** During the month of March, we are supporting Paula Settle's efforts to address rural poverty in Kentucky.
- **Venable School Backpack Program:** Every week we pack 19 backpacks for the Venable School Backpack Program to help students who receive free lunch at school during the week, but don't have enough to eat at home over the weekends. Your ongoing donations of food and money help us meet this need every week. For a complete list of items see the UBC website.
- **Audio Operators Needed:** Would you be interested in learning about operating our audio system and being a part of our team rotation for Sunday worship services? Contact Robby Gough at 434-242-2413 or RHGough@embarqmail.com
- **Operation In As Much (OIAM):** Our annual day of service to the community, OIAM will take place on May 5. We will have a sign-up luncheon on Sunday, April 15, immediately after worship.

## CONNECT AND GROW

- **Sunday Bible Study:** With groups for all ages and interests, there's a class for you! See our website or talk to Will for details.
- **"Words Matter" Study:** Our Wednesday night programs during Lent are a study series about the words we use for/with/about God and one another. Join us for dinner at 5 pm (reservations are needed) and our study at 6:15 pm.
- **Richard E. Myers Lecture Series:** March 20-22—Featuring Paul Fiddes, Guest Lecturer from Oxford University
- **Vacation Bible School:** June 18-22, 9:00 am to noon. Save the date!

## CELEBRATE

- Happy **70th** wedding anniversary to Jim and Lila Marshall!