

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

December 2, 2017

11:00 am



First Sunday of Advent

Communion

Sermon:

"Follow the Star"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Luke 21:25-36

Anthems:

Jubilate

Deacons: *Peter Ohlms, Carolyn & Ed Lowry, Debby Johnson, Diane Mundell, Johnny Ellen, Laura Faye Groff, Lynda Tweel, Lynne Gardner

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough, Jennifer Wagoner, Jacob Morris, Will Wagoner

Ushers for December: Cindy Bryant, Shelley Miller, Lily Pallini, Ronda Wiley,

Service of

Remembrance

Wednesday, November 28

6:15 pm

This will be a service to remember our departed loved ones, to support each other in our pain and loss during this holiday season, and to support our community during this time of unusual stress.

Candles will be lit to acknowledge family and friends, our pain and loss, our worries and struggles, and God's faithfulness in our lives.



The Word

November 27, 2018

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UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas 2018 at University Baptist Church

- Wed., Nov 28 6:15 pm Service of Remembrance,
- Sunday, Dec. 2 **First Sunday of Advent ~ HOPE**
11:00 am Worship Service ~ Hanging of the Green,
featuring *Jubilate* Anthems
12:30 pm Sharing the Light
- Wed., Dec. 5 6:15 pm Christmas Carols & Stories
- Saturday, Dec. 8 5:00 pm Holiday Lights Tour
5:30 pm *Jubilate* presents "Lessons and Carols"
at the UVA Chapel
- Sunday, Dec. 9 **Second Sunday of Advent ~ JOY**
11:00 am Worship Service ~ Sanctuary Choir Program
2:00-5:00 pm Christmas Open House at the Tennants'
- Wed., Dec. 12 5:30 pm Preschool/Children's Christmas Night
- Sunday, Dec. 16 **Third Sunday of Advent ~ LOVE**
11:00 am Worship Service ~ Christmas Pageant
- Sunday, Dec. 23 **Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ PEACE**
11:00 am Worship Service
- Monday, Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
5:00 pm Featuring the Sanctuary Choir
and Lighting of Candles



On Watch

Inviting as Helping

A key question in twenty-first-century marketing is, "Who can you help?" The days are long gone of marketing as advertising. What does this mean for the church?

For much of Church history, the institution functioned as part of the established order. From the time of Constantine, the established religion in the Western world was Christianity. In the twenty-first century, there is no established religion. People have a choice. So, like the earliest followers of Christ, today people decide whether or not to be part of a church.

If we were using outdated ideas, we would advertise. We would say things like, "Let's get the word out!" But, as Bob Dylan sang over half a century ago, "The times they are a-changin'." Today, the church has to mean something to people. If it means something, it

will survive. If it does not mean something, it will not survive. People will not simply come to church because everyone else does, or because a parent expects them to. Society puts no pressure on participating in God's work.

To invite someone to church means engaging in that marketing question, "Who can you help?" In other words, what does coming to church mean to you? Does it help you and enrich your life? If you can answer that question, then you can find other people who have a similar need. When you do, we can connect with those people. In this sense, inviting is helping.

The Bible provides a pattern for inviting. The Greek word *εὐαγγελίζω* (yoo-ang-ghel-id-zo) is usually translated as "evangelize." The original meaning is closer to "announce good news" and "bring good tidings." The concept is far from proselytizing or building an institutional church. It reflects having some-

thing worth sharing and telling people about it. The word occurs 52 times in the Bible.

When we invite people to join us at UBC, we invite them into community. We invite them to be part of something that provides meaning for our lives. The desire to give away something good drives our desire to share what is happening at UBC.

As we begin this Advent season, consider what you like best about UBC. Then, tell someone about it.

Peace,
~ Matt

Global Missions Christmas Post Office



The Christmas Post Office for Global Missions, sponsored by the Kittie Colvin Trail Circle, is open. This is a way for you to exchange Christmas greetings with other church members and regular attenders and to support Global Missions.

The "post office" box is located on a table in the first floor lobby.

- Write the names of the recipients on

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your cards and place them in the appropriate alphabet slots.

- Deposit 49¢ per card (and any additional contribution) into the container on the table, or give it to any Kittie Colvin Trail Circle member.
- If you are sending cards to members who are shut-ins or who might not be here in December, please write the address on the card so we can deliver it after Christmas.

- Pick up any cards addressed to you or your family. Please do not remove

any cards but your own.

- Do not place cards in the box after Monday, December 24.
- Please do not include cards for members who do not attend regularly or have moved away.

Preschool/Children Christmas Night

Wednesday, December 12, 7:30pm

Free Pizza Dinner

Christmas Shop Gifts for family members can be purchased for 50¢ each. Youth will help children select and wrap each gift.

Little Manger There will be dress-ups for play and picture taking.

Cookie Making

Cookie Decorating (and eating!)

Parents are invited to join their children in all activities (except the Christmas Shop!).

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CBF Global Missions

During the month of December, we will be collecting money for the CBF Global Missions Fund. Our goal is \$3,000.



Children's Christmas Shop

We are collecting small gift items that our children can "purchase" for 50¢ each as Christmas gifts for their family members. Bring donations to the Preschool Department by **Monday, December 3.**



A Quiet Place to Study

Volunteers are needed to host students in **Fellowship Hall** **December 9-17** from **1:00 pm to 11:00 pm** each day as they prepare for exams.

If you can be there for a **couple of hours** or prepare snacks and goodies for the students, check the sign-up board or contact the Church Office.

*Everyone is Invited to an
Open House*

*At the Home of
Matt & Melanie Tennant
(and Dean & Eddy)*

*Sunday, December 9
2:00 to 5:00 pm*

*945 Raymond Road
Charlottesville*

Sharing the Light

Sunday, December 2, 12:30 pm

Congregation Beth Israel has invited families in our congregation to join them for a free lunch, a time of inter-faith fellowship, holiday games, crafts, and prepping for their time hosting PACEM.

This is ideal for families with kids ages 1-10, but older kids and youth are welcome to come help out!

RSVP to ehallissy@gmail.com (head count for lunch)

Hanging of the Green

**Sunday
December 2
11:00 am**



Worshippers of all ages are invited to help us decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season!



Poinsettias



If you would like a poinsettia placed in the church in memory or in honor of a loved one, please place your order by submitting a **check payable to UBC for \$10.00 per plant by Monday, December 10.**

Christmas Dinner in a Bag

• Put all items in a paper or reusable fabric grocery bag and place them on the Fellowship Hall stage **by Sunday, December 16.**

• The WMU will add a \$10 Food Lion gift card for turkey or ham.

• The bags will be delivered to Love INC to be distributed to needy families for Christmas.

• If you can't do the shopping, we welcome donations for the gift cards. Make checks payable to UBC and earmark them for "Christmas Dinner in a Bag."



1 box stove-top stuffing mix
1 box instant potatoes
1 jar gravy
1 large can sweet potatoes
1 large can green beans
1 can cranberry sauce
1 box Jiffy pie crust mix
1 can pie filling

Third Annual HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

**Saturday, December 8
5:00 pm**

Join us for a potluck dinner, cookie decorating, and a free bus ride around Charlottesville to see the lights!

Space is limited; find details and [sign-up here!](#)



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Jack Averill — UVA Hospital
Jim Sivley — UVA Hospital

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; on the home page of our website; and in our phone greeting message. We will make an announcement usually no later than 8 am Sunday or 1 pm for Wednesday evening activities.



Stewardship Pledges for 2019

You can still send a pledge card to the church office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Wednesday, November 28

5:30 Supper: Chicken pot pie, Mixed vegetables
6:15 Program: Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, December 5

5:30 Supper: Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, Green beans
6:15 Program: Christmas Carols & Stories



WEDNESDAY, November 28

5:00 Supper (Chicken pot pie)
6:00 Children's Mission Activities
6:15 Service of Remembrance
7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 2

8:30 Church Council Meeting
9:00 Fellowship
9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
9:30 Seekers Bible Study
9:45 Bible Study
11:00 Worship
12:30 Sharing the Light
6:00 Real Life
6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

MONDAY, December 3

10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, December 4

9:00 UBC Work Team
9:00 Painting Group
10:15 Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 5

5:00 Supper (Meatloaf)
6:00 Children's Mission Activities
6:15 Christmas Carols & Stories
7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Monday morning
Bible study at
Rosewood.