



# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



**The Annunciation— Alexander Ivanov (1824)**

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**WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST**

December 16, 2018

11:00 a.m.

*Third Sunday of Advent ... Love*

Marking the Hour

*We mark the hour, 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..... Rev. Will Brown

Prelude ..... Barbara Moore

*Go Tell It On the Mountain - Spiritual, arr. G. Young*

Lighting the Candles .....Hunter Cooper

*We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent  
how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.*

Opening the Bible .....Hunter Cooper

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

Call to Worship .....Sarah Wilson

Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

**People: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

**People: For great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One  
who comes to dwell among us.**

\*\* Hymn – *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

(see page 6 in this bulletin)

\*\* Invocation..... Dr. Matthew Tennant

Greeting..... Dr. Tennant

## *Celebrating the Advent Wreath*

The Martindale Family

Leader: On this 3rd Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Love.

People: **“This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. Sing praises to the ends of the earth.”** (from **The Message**)

Leader: In our homes, we celebrate the love that comes with the birth of a newborn.

People: **In our hearts, this season of Advent, and all the year long, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God’s Son.**

Leader: Let us pray: We ask You, God of Love, to fill our hearts with Your love just as the lights of these candles fill the room. And we pray that the Light of Your Love, shining out from us, would fill our world! Amen.

\*\* Hymn 86 - *O Little Town of Bethlehem (stanza 1 and 3)*

## *The Christmas Pageant*

Narrator: Jacob Morris

Mary: Caroline Centofante

Joseph: Dean Tennant

Jesus: Stella Gregg

Star: Liam Wilson

Angels: Christian Proffitt, Lindsay Marshall, Kaylee Price, Isabella Consecro, Theo Gregg, Piper Kauffman, Emily Centofante, Zoe Wilson, Indy Moore, Hannah Wilson, Lauren Cooper

Shepherds: Carter Groff, Eddy Tennant, Parker Price, Charlotte Centofante, Betsy Kauffman

Animals: Vittorio Pallini, Matteo Pallini, Calvin Gregg, Claire Kauffman, Ponyo Mulcahy, Seth Brown, Caleb Brown

Kings: Will Wagoner, Hunter Cooper, Luke Brown

Heavenly Host: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem - *Sleeping Adonai* - Heather Sorenson.....Sanctuary Choir  
Melanie Tennant, solo

Hymn 103 - *Away In a Manger*(stanza 1)

Hymn 88 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*(stanza 1)

Hymn 113 - *We Three Kings of Orient Are*(stanza 1)

Hymn 87 - *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*)

Gospel Lesson – Luke 3:7-18 .....Ed Lowry  
(page 834 in the pew Bibles)

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer .....Ed Lowry

Solo - *Here With Us*..... words and music: Joy Williams

Lydia Erbaugh, soprano (3rd year Jubilate member)

Dean Tennant, piano

It's still a mystery to me That the hands of God could be so small,  
How tiny fingers reaching in the night  
Were the very hands that measured the sky.

Hallelujah, hallelujah Heaven's love reaching down to save the world.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, son of God, servant King Here with us.

It's still a mystery to me How His infant eyes have seen the dawn of time,  
How His ears have heard an angel's symphony,  
But still Mary had to rock her Savior to sleep.

Hallelujah, hallelujah Heaven's love reaching down to save the world.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, son of God, servant King Here with us.

Jesus, the Christ, born in Bethlehem, a baby born to save the souls of man!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah Heaven's love reaching down to save the world.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, son of God, servant King Here with us.

Sermon - **“Beyond Contentment”** ..... Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation - *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* - Niles .... Rev. Alba Beasley

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head. You have got a manger bed.  
All the evil folk on earth, Sleep in feathers at their birth.  
(But) Jesus, Jesus, rest your head. You have got a manger bed.  
Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate?  
How his mother came to the stable, On that Christmas Eve so late?  
Winds were blowing. Cows were lowing. Stars were glowing, glowing.  
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head. You have got a manger bed.

Invitation ..... Dr. Tennant

\*\* Hymn 95 - *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*(If you are interested in joining the church or praying with a minister, we invite you to come forward during this hymn.)*

Prayer of Dedication ..... Sarah Wilson

Offertory ..... Barbara Moore

*Sing We Now of Christmas, Sing We Noel* - arr. M. Hayes

(Text: Hymn 111)

\*\* Congregational Response 111 - *Sing We Now of Christmas*

(stanza 1)

\*\* Sending Prayer – Sarah Wilson.....Dr. Tennant and Congregation

\*\* Benediction..... Dr. Tennant

Postlude ..... Barbara Moore

\*\* Those who are physically able are invited to stand at these points in the service.



## 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  
Irr.

## **A Quiet Place to Study**

Volunteers are needed to host students in  
Fellowship Hall  
Today and Tomorrow, December 16 & 17  
1:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
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.



## **Christmas Post Office**

The Christmas Post Office for Global Missions, sponsored by the Kittie Colvin Trail Circle 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. Post is \$0.49 per card, please place it (and any other donation) in the box on top.

We hope you will join us for our upcoming **Christmas services**. We will worship together as normal on Sunday, December 23. We will host a Christmas Eve service on Monday, December 24th at 5:00 PM.

Please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall following worship today, to say **thank you to Sarah Wilson** for all her work with our youth group, and to wish her well on her journey.

## 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.

### 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.

### 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 Groff and Carter Groff.

### 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.

### WATCH/LISTEN LIVE

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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## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### LEARN

- **Sunday Bible Study:** With groups for every age and interest, there is a place for you here! Our classes meet each week before worship.
- **Rosewood Bible Study:** This Bible Study at Rosewood Assisted Living on Greenbrier Drive meets each Monday at 10:30 am. All are welcome!

### SERVE AND GIVE

- **Connect with us online.** Visit our website, or Facebook to keep up with UBC!
- **Volunteer** with us ! Learn more <https://universitybaptist.org/volunteer> or by emailing Pheobe at [pbrown@universitybaptist.org](mailto:pbrown@universitybaptist.org)
- **Audio Team Request:** The Audio Team needs volunteers to work the sound board during Sunday morning worship services. Please contact Robby Gough or the church office.