



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



The Nativity— Gari Melchers

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.

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WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

December 23, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent ... Peace

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. Alba Beasley

Prelude Barbara Moore

Noel "When Jesus Was Born at Christmas"- Balbastre

Lighting the CandlesSeamore Zhu

*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 BibleSeamore Zhu

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

Choral Call to Worship.....Sanctuary Choir

Here We Come a Caroling - arr. Althouse

Call to Worship Rev. Alba Beasley

Leader: Prince of Peace, reveal yourself to us today.

**People: We need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, our
church, and our whole world.**

Leader: Help us to slow down and seek out the peace you provide,

People: So that we may become peacemakers for all.

** Hymn 89 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

** Invocation..... Rev. Will Brown
Greeting..... Rev. Brown
Celebrating the Advent Wreath..... The Wagoner Family

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Love, celebrating the love which comes in Christ. Today, we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

People: God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too.

Leader: We dream of peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves.

People: We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

Leader: Let us pray: Lord of All, on this day, we remember the Prince of Peace born in lowly Bethlehem, and whose birth brings the promise of peace surpassing all understanding. Make us peace makers, working through us so that the world might finally realize "Peace on earth to all people of good will." Amen.

** Hymn 98 - *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

First Gospel Lesson – Luke 1:39-45..... Jacob Morris and Mattie Tomlin
(page 831 in the pew Bibles)

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo - *Gesu Bambino*—Yon Carolyn Lowry

When blossoms flower e'er 'mid the snows, Upon a winter night,
Was born the child, the Christmas rose, The king of love and light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, The grateful earth rejoiced;
And at his blessed birth the stars Their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him... Christ the Lord!
Again the heart with rapture glows To greet the holy night,
That gave the world it's christmas rose, Its king of love and light
Let ev'ry voice acclaim his name, The grateful chorus swell
From paradise to earth he came That we with him might dwell!
O come let us adore Him... Christ the Lord!

Morning PrayerRev. Brown
Second Gospel Lesson – Luke 1:46-55 Martha Ballenger
(page 832 in the pew Bibles)

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem - *Song of Mary* - Red.....Sanctuary Choir
Pam Beasley, soprano

Sing, my soul, the greatness of the Lord.
Rejoice, my spirit, Rejoice in God, my Savior.
So tenderly has he regarded me,
So wondrously has he exalted me,
All generations shall call me blest.
For his name is holy, He is the mighty one.
His mercy is ever sure.
Sing, my soul, the greatness of the Lord.

Sermon - “**Mary’s Song**” Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation - *Silent Night* - arr. MeadorSanctuary Choir

200 hundred years ago, the beloved Christmas Carol, *Silent Night*, was sung for the very first time. There are many legends that have been told about the composing and first presentation of the hymn, but we are certain that Father Joseph Mohr wrote the words, and organist Franz Gruber composed the music, and that on Christmas Eve 1818 it was sung with guitar accompaniment. It is the most popular Christmas song ever (according to Time magazine 2014), and one of the most recorded songs ever.

- Invitation Dr. Tennant
- ** Hymn 93 - *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
(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 Rev. Beasley
- Offertory Barbara Moore
Still, Still, Still/He Is Born - Alexander
- ** Congregational Response 88 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
 (stanza 3)
- ** Benediction..... Dr. Tennant
- Postlude Barbara Moore
Sussex Carol: O Christmas Night - Lasky
- ** Those who are physically able are invited to stand at these points in the service.



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-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. Today's leaders are Debby Johnson and Carter Groff.

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, Catherine Cooper, Lindsay Marshall and Connor Marshall.

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> 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, Wednesday's 10-3** with us ! Learn more <https://universitybaptist.org/volunteer> or by emailing Pheobe at 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.