

# THE WORD

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP  
January 20, 2019

## ON WATCH

Why We Do What We Do

On Sunday, the steadily falling snow pushed us to consider canceling worship. I wrestled with the decision and ventured out early to see the road conditions. As it turned out, there was less snow than the forecasters originally thought there would be, so we proceeded with worship with the following caveats: (1) Everyone should stay home unless they felt confident they could make it safely. (2) No one would judge anyone who stayed home because of the snow.

As the snow fell, I kept thinking “people like us do things like that.” This is a quote from the marketing guru Seth Godin. People like us worship on Sundays. Whether we worship together in the same room or worship with our church family online, we worship.

Why? Why is it so important to have the sanctuary open? Why is it so significant to welcome people in when so many churches were closed? Why can't we just play a recording? Why do we need to worship live?

### Reason 1: Will's Sermon

Rev. Brown wrote the sermon he delivered for us, for this particular time and for this particular place. It connected with the liturgical theme of Jesus' baptism. It also connected with the life of University Baptist Church. It connected with the snow and the challenge of being together on a snowy Sunday.

One of the 27 people in the sanctuary after worship said to Will, “You were talking to me.” Sermons, prayers, readings, and music have a particular place in time. They minister to us. If we let them, they can speak to where we are, and each one of us can say of any part of worship, any week, “You were talking to me.” People like us get together to worship.

### Reason two: The Quintet

We are blessed to have phenomenal music week after week. Last Sunday, before a few choir members arrived, Will and I considered playing our guitars and singing to provide an anthem for worship. The song we picked was one we both know and could play—it did not connect with the theme of worship. Then, several choir members arrived: two sopranos, a bass, and a tenor. Will suggested that they try the anthem, and it worked. It was evidence of God's people being the church. People led in worship and used their gifts to glorify the Lord.

### Reason three: Visitors

Of the 27 people in the sanctuary, 6 were visitors. One couple recently moved to the area. They are looking for a church and attended UBC because we were open. They might have eventually found us, but they came when they did because we were one of only a few churches that were open.

“People like us do things like that.” We are a people who are open, welcoming, and seek to draw others into our family. Part of our calling is to worship even when it is snowing and cold outside. We do so to welcome those who are thirsty for living water and to provide living water to the members of this church family.

The third reason is probably the most significant of the three, yet each is important. Why do we do what we do? God is calling us. People like us worship. We invite others to join us. We seek to reflect our faith in what we do. And, we try to walk the walk Christ has called us to walk.

Peace, Matt

Sermon:

“Challenging Conventions”  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:  
John 2.1-11

Anthem:  
“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”  
~ Com. Johann Sebastian Bach

Deacons:  
Debra Bryant, Debby Johnson, Donna Marshall, Ed Smith, Larry Johnson, Jimmy Li

Nursery Workers: Jen Bates, Shirley Clark

Ushers for January: Cindy Bryant, Shelley Miller, Lily Pallini, Ronda Wiley, Barry Willard

Greeters: Charlotte Bailey, Peter Ohlms

Medical On-Call: Sally Chewning

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, January 16  
5:30 Dinner  
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, January 20  
11:00 Worship Service  
6:00 Youth “Real Life”

\*NOTE: Monday, Jan. 21st, the church offices will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Save the Date  
UPCOMING EVENTS

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection –  
Feb 3

Myers Lecture Series – Feb 26-28

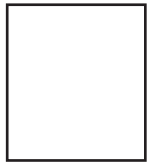
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### Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Betty Jenkins, who died Jan. 10th. Her service will be at 11am on Saturday, January 19, with a reception to follow at UBC.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



PACEM at UBC  
January 26- February 9

During these two weeks, UBC will be feeding and housing approximately 45 homeless men each night. How can you help? We like to offer personal hygiene items to our guests and are collecting 50 of each of the following:

- toothbrushes
- travel size toothpaste
- chapstick
- hand warmers
- travel packs of tissues
- pairs of long, thick socks

In addition, we are collecting:

- individually wrapped peppermint candies
- cough drops
- journals/notebooks
- new or gently used adult sized backpacks or duffel bags
- travel size shaving cream
- disposable razors
- travel size hand lotion
- underwear (L and XL)
- plain white T-shirts (L and XL)
- combs
- \$5 gift cards to CVS, McDonald's, or Subway

Any of these items you can donate is appreciated. Collection boxes will be in the lobby on Sundays and Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays. Please send in items by Friday, January 25.

Also, be listening and looking for opportunities to volunteer to help with laundry, stay overnight, set up and take down cots, and pick up linens from the Haven. This ministry takes many hours and many hands. The signup board is outside the office in the lobby. Thank you for your support!



Family PACEM Prep Day January 20,  
12:00 pm

Stick around after church for lunch and kid-friendly projects that will benefit our PACEM guests. We will be making cards, baking muffins and cookies, assembling goody bags, and more. Sign up here, so we can have enough lunch for everyone!

Any questions, contact Erin Brown

#### MORE UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

Saturday, February 2: PACEM Dinner  
Kids and parents will gather around 5pm to prepare and serve dinner to our PACEM guests. Let me know if you would like to be involved, and I'll pass along details the week before.

Sunday, February 10: Tubing at Wintergreen  
Youth and families will head to Wintergreen after church to go tubing! Tubing is for kids at least 42 inches tall; younger children and a parent can enjoy an alternative Wintergreen adventure. Check their website for details, and look for a sign-up in the next few weeks.

Sunday, February 24: Interactive Family Worship Service  
At 9:45, all youth, kids and parents will meet in the children's suite for a worship service with stories, songs and plenty of hands-on activities.

June 17-21: Vacation Bible School!!  
For 4-year-olds through 5th graders - all are welcome! Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors :) Registration will be available beginning in April.

Any Changes?  
Have you recently changed:  
Your address?  
Your phone number?  
Your email?  
Please let Pheobe in the Church Office know of any changes so that we can keep our records up to date.

Thanks to Alan Hendricks we have a new and improved CHURCH CALENDAR SYSTEM! Check it out at this link: <https://universitybaptist.org/calendar/>

We hope you will join us as we grow deeper in our faith and our relationships with one another. We serve dinner between 5:15 and 5:30, followed by prayer and conversation. All are welcome!

### JUBILATE Meets Sunday at 6pm



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.