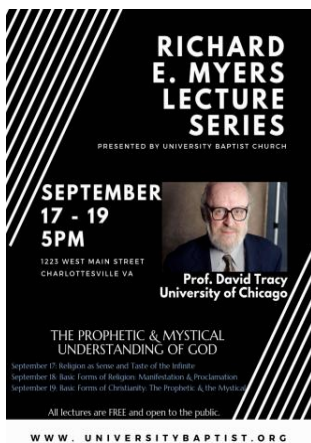


# THE WORD

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

## Richard E. Myers Lecture Series



September 17-19, 5pm

Lectures begin at 5:00 PM. There will be time for questions at 6:00 PM, and a reception will follow.

All lectures are FREE and open to the public.

Professor David Tracy will present a series of lectures entitled, "The Prophetic and Mystical Understanding of God."

- 9/17: The Range of Faith
- 9/18: The Range of Faith and Reason
- 9/19: The Range of Faith, Reason and Mysticism

More information available at [universitybaptist.org/lecture-series/](http://universitybaptist.org/lecture-series/)

## A Word from Will

**"Is the congregation mostly students?"**

**"Is it part of UVA?"**

**"Do any community members go there, or is it just students?"**

Whenever I tell people the name of my church, I'm always interested to hear their responses, the assumptions built in to the questions they ask. Some assume that our church is basically a campus ministry, a congregation composed entirely of UVA students.

I confess, sometimes I start to feel bad, almost ashamed, saying that we don't have scores of students spilling out of our services.

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 22, 2019

### Sermon:

"God's Vanilla Blessing"  
Dr. Matt Tennant

### Scripture:

Matthew 5.13-16,  
Leviticus 26.3-13

### Anthem:

"Alleluia! Sing Praise to God"  
*arr. Bach*

**Deacons:** Jimmy Li, Diane Mundell, Erin Brown, Rachel Miller, Raynell Stokes, Scott Miller, Ed Smith

**Nursery Workers:** Judy Gough, Shirley Clark, Ewing Minor

**Children's Church:** Cindy Bryant, Trip Kauffmann

**Ushers for September:** Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin Spricer, Mildred Spicer, Ron Tweel

**Greeters:** Martha Ballenger, Brad Groff

## CALENDAR

In more more reflective moments, though, I recognize the great strength in having a congregation that is not a homogenous body of students. I remember my own experience at UVA, when virtually all of my social interactions were with people ages 18-21. On Sundays, though, I was around kids, and parents, and grandparents, and great-grandparents. It was refreshing, sometimes challenging, and yet also stabilizing. UBC reminded me of home, and it drew me out of the college bubble, at least for a little while.

My faith developed and matured during my time at UVA, a process that can be destabilizing and turbulent. Yet there was UBC, a stable presence, even during the semesters I didn't attend all that often. (Sorry...)

Student ministry is at the core of our identity--and name--as University Baptist Church. Jubilate is an important component, as is Sunday morning worship. Is there more we can do? Especially now, when the Baptist Student Union no longer fills the role it did for many of us as students, how can UBC best serve today's students?

I've shared some of my experience here, but mine is only one perspective. What ideas do you have about the future of collegiate ministry at UBC?

Next week, on Wednesday, September 25, we will be having a time of discussion and conversation about collegiate ministry. The church recently created a Task Force to consider these questions, including whether and how we might hire an additional minister to lead these efforts. Next Wednesday's Collegiate Ministry Town Hall is a crucial opportunity for our Task Force to hear from the congregation. I hope you will be there!

Peace,  
Will

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 UBC Work Team  
5:00 David Tracy-Richard E. Myers  
Lecture Series

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:00 David Tracy-Richard E. Myers  
Lecture Series  
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:00 David Tracy-Richard E. Myers  
Lecture Series  
6:30 Deacons Meeting

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 Seekers Class  
9:45 Sunday Bible Study  
11:00 Worship Service  
6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal  
6:00 Youth Reallife

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:30 Rosewood Bible Study

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 Work Team  
12:00 B&G-HVAC Summit  
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:15 Church Dinner  
5:45 Collegiate Ministry Town Hall  
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Practice

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## "Come to Your Senses"

How do we experience the divine? How do our senses deepen our relationship with God? During the month of September, our worship services will be designed to utilize all of our senses. Join us in worship as we sense God together!

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## Happy Staff Anniversary!

This month we recognize the "Staff Anniversary" for Will Brown, Thomas Hill, and Pheobe Brown. Will has served UBC for 5 years, Thomas for 37 years, and Pheobe for 1 year. Thank you for your years of faithful service to University Baptist Church!

## Building Hosts

UBC hosts a great variety of community events. Musical, worship, therapeutic and community orientated events are happening weekly! For each event we need a UBC member to act as a building host. What does being a building host mean? Simply that you are present for the event to lock and unlock the doors, answer any questions the building users might have and make sure the church office is looped into problems that may arise. It's a simple occasional volunteer task with a big impact! If you would be willing to have your name on the list of building hosts please contact Pheobe Brown – [pbrown@universitybaptist.org](mailto:pbrown@universitybaptist.org).



## Introducing our new Giving Kiosk!

Have you seen our new Giving Kiosk? This device enables members and guests to contribute to UBC using a credit card. While it is especially useful for Wednesday night suppers, yard sales, special events, and fundraisers, we will also have it available on Sunday mornings for anyone interested in giving by credit card. Feel free to give it a try sometime, and let us know if you have any questions!

## Coffee and Cookies

Join us on Sunday mornings after worship for coffee and cookies on the porch. Use this opportunity to greet visitors and better get to know your church family.

## Youth Real Life

Our youth group meets from 6pm until 8pm each Sunday. Everyone in grades 6-12 is welcome!

## Serving Dinner

Want to help Jubilate and our Youth? Sign up to re-heat and serve dinner (food provided), 5:30-6:30, on Sunday evenings. Please sign up [here](#). Thanks!

## Volunteer Sign Up!

Would you be willing to give back to our church community? We have two regular Sunday opportunities this fall for members, friends and families to participate in church life.

Volunteer to **acolyte on Sunday mornings**, light the candles and open the Bible as we begin Sunday morning worship together. [Sign up here](#).



Volunteer to serve dinner to Jubilate members and our youth group on Sunday evenings. [Sign up here.](#)

If you have questions or other, please contact Pheobe Brown – [pbrown@universitybaptist.org](mailto:pbrown@universitybaptist.org)

Find out how to get more involved by [clicking here!](#)

### Soles4Souls

Our Soles4Souls box is here! Please bring any clothing and shoes you wish to donate. Donations assist in disrupting poverty worldwide. Help us serve those in need, create opportunities and protect the environment! The box will be emptied about once per month.

<https://soles4souls.org/>



### Wednesday Nights this Fall

Our fall Wednesday night programming resumes on August 28 with the potluck dinner and Church Conference (see above).

Each Wednesday night, dinner will be served beginning at 5:15. We will pray and begin the evening's program at 5:45. Dinner reservations are not required.

Please note that we will not meet for dinner every week, including a break for the month of October. Our hope is to keep the dinners fresh and exciting, without the burden of an unending commitment. Here is our Wednesday night schedule:

- 9/18 – No Community Dinner. Lecture Series upstairs (reception to follow)
- 9/25 – Collegiate Ministry Town Hall
- October – Break – No Wednesday dinners
- 11/6 – Charlene Greene: History of Race in Charlottesville
- 11/13 – Mark Snipes, CBFVA & MLK Weekend
- 11/20 – Church Conference
- 11/27 – No Program (Thanksgiving)
- December programming TBA

### Join Us in Sunday Bible Study

Our regular Sunday Bible Study classes have resumed. If you haven't found a class yet, now is a perfect time to try out a new class, or to get back involved after some time away. All are welcome to join us for study and fellowship, beginning each week at 9:45!



## Flowers Bring Great Joy

If you would like to dedicate sanctuary flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, the 2019 Floral Calendar is posted in the first floor hallway. Sign up on the calendar AND email or call Sarah Buchanan to reserve your special date. There are several Sundays still available: Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, and Nov 3. I will order the flowers for \$45, unless you want to provide them yourself. You can drop a check earmarked "sanctuary flowers" in the offering plate, or send to the church office. If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how, please contact Sarah at 434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com and join us on the Floral Team.

## Competition underway!

The design competition to re-imagine the green space between our parking lot and West Main Street is now underway, with the first expressions of interest coming in. At the August 28 Church Conference, Church Council will recommend to the church a panel of judges, who will select the winning design. With congregational approval, we will build it, and the winner will receive a donation to the charity she or he chooses. If you have any questions or comments, contact the senior minister.



So far we have had architects and landscape architects express interest in our project from New York, North Carolina, South Africa, India and Pakistan. We are excited to see what designs our contestants come up with! If you know anyone who might wish to compete please share our link: [universitybaptist.org/unibap-pocket-park](http://universitybaptist.org/unibap-pocket-park)

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