

# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



“Holiday Greetings” by Vina Yang

## WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

December 20, 2020

*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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## Words of Welcome

Marking of the Hour

Barbara Moore

*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.*

Opening Words

Rev. Alba Beasley

Prelude – “Good King Wenceslas” (Lasky)

Barbara Moore

Lighting the Candles

Ministers

*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

Ministers

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

Celebration of the Advent Wreath

Vaughan Family

Hymn – “Joy To the World! The Lord Is Come”

# Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-ceive her King;  
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav-ior reigns; Let men their songs em-ploy;  
 3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, Nor thorns in-fest the ground;  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na-tions prove

Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare Him room,  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 He comes to make His bless-ings flow  
 The glo-ries of His righ-teous-ness,

And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture  
 Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat the sound-ing  
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 And won-ders of His love, And won-ders of His  
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 love, And won-ders, won-ders the curse is found.  
 heav'n and na-ture sing,

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1685-1759; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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Invocation Rev. Val Fisk

Greeting Rev. Fisk

## Words of Faith

Anthem - "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Courtney) Sanctuary Choir

Children's Sermon Erin Brown

Gospel Lesson - Luke 1:26-38 Debra Bryant

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Mission Moment

Blessing Rev. Fisk

Reflection String Quartet

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (arr. Bach)

New Testament Lesson - Romans 16:25-27 Larry Groves

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Morning Prayer Rev. Brown

Anthem Sanctuary Choir

"See, Amid the Winter's Snow" (Arr. Forrest)

Sermon - "Discovering Joy" Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation String Quartet

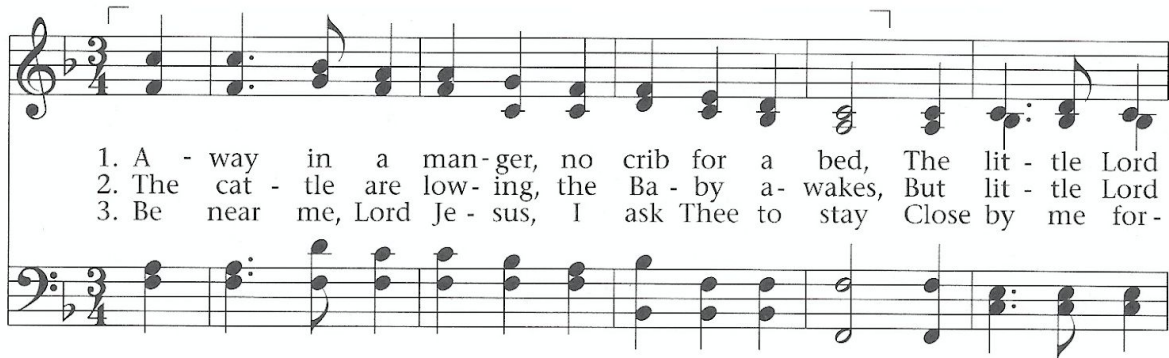
"The First Nowell" (arr. Forrest)



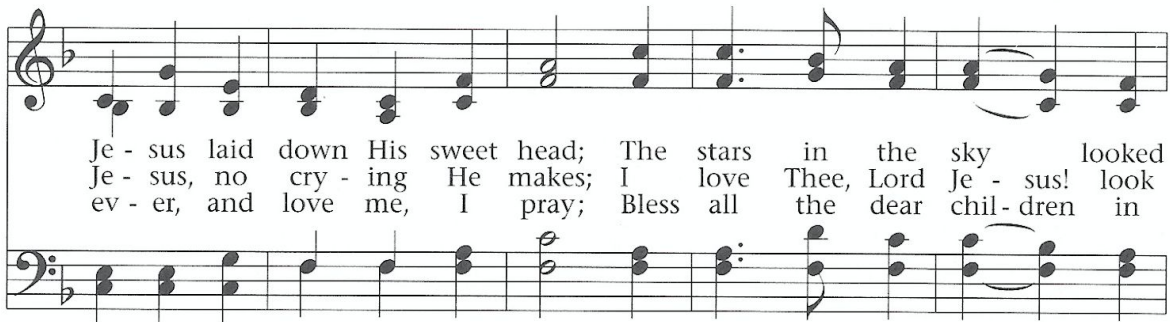
## Words of Commitment & Blessing

Hymn – “Away In a Manger”

### Away in a Manger



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head; The stars in the sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes; I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! look  
ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

WORDS: St. 1,2, anonymous, 1885; st. 3, John Thomas McFarland, 1851-1913  
MUSIC: James R. Murray, 1841-1905

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Benediction - “Gloria in excelsis Deo” (Vivaldi)  
*Glory to God in the highest!*

Sanctuary Choir

Postlude - “Joy To The World” (Yaeger)

Barbara Moore

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