



February 7, 2023 Vol. 75, No. 6

## Barmen Today

## WATCH

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 12, 2023

11:00 AM

### Sermon:

"Barmen, Barth,  
& the Ukrainian War"  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

### Scripture:

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

### Anthem:

"Let Us Love One Another" (Sirett)

In May 1934, representatives from German churches met to write a "common message for the church today." The Nazi party was growing and wanted to infiltrate and take over German Protestant churches. The document they produced became known as the Barmen Declaration.

The Barmen Declaration has six points:

1. "Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death" (8.11). This statement is followed by a rejection of other sources of God's revelation, like political figures, for example (8.12).
2. Jesus is "God's assurance" of forgiveness (8.14), and we reject false authorities (8.15).
3. The message and order of the church should not be influenced by the current political convictions.
4. "The various offices in the church do not establish a dominion of some over the others; on the contrary, they are for the exercise of the ministry entrusted to and enjoined upon the whole congregation" (8.20). In other words, the "Führer" should not rule the church (8.21).
5. "Fear God. Honor the emperor." (1 Peter 2:17b). There should be a separation of church and state (8.23-24).
6. The mission of the church is to share a message of the free grace of God to all people (8.26), and the declaration rejects subordination of the church by the state (8.27).

In an age when autocracies are on the rise around the world, Barth's words from 1934 sound fresh. Christians live as resident aliens (1 Peter 2:11). We are in the world but not of the

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacons:** Lynne Gardner

**Ushers:** Charlotte Bailey & Ron Tweel

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, February 8

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ Bible Study (Zoom)

5:30 Dinner

6:00 Program

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, February 9

7:00 Deacons' Meeting

### SUNDAY, February 12

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:15 Youth Group

5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

world (John 15:18-19). We might hear calls to patriotism or to putting our home country first, but God calls us to put Jesus Christ first. This is a repeated theme in our Sunday study of 1 Corinthians and comes up again this week in 1 Corinthians 3.1-9.

As we approach the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, I thought about Germany's expansion efforts in the late 1930's. What is the theological response to an autocrat like Vladimir Putin? I can see the tension around supporting Ukraine's military defenses. We, in the United States, have domestic issues that require resources. We continue to live in a polarized political climate. And the risk of escalation with a nuclear power is real. What do we do?

In moments like these, I am thankful that my answer must be limited to the theological sphere. I am not a politician, nor am I a political scientist. So, I turn back to scripture. Instead of letting any political leader become Lord of my life, it's supposed to be Jesus. Our Baptist principle of "separation of church and state" makes sense.

Without letting the voices around us dictate what we say, how we pray, or what we do in church, we focus on following God. We proclaim freedom for the captives and justice for the oppressed. We share God's grace and promote peace in Christ. I am still trying to figure out what this means we should say about Russia's invasion of Ukraine. As the first anniversary approaches, I am praying for God's guidance to find a message of hope for this broken world.

Peace,  
Matt



### Souper Bowl of Caring

For over 30 years, the [Souper Bowl of Caring movement](#) has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. Over the last three years, SBoC groups have collected over \$25 million in food and donations for hunger-relief charities across the United States. At the end of our service this Sunday, February 12,

### MONDAY, February 13

10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

### TUESDAY, February 14

11:00 Development Team Meeting

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

*For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).*

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### Prayer Requests

Barbara Newlon

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Jim Sivley

Ed & Carolyn Lowry

Sally Chewing on the loss of her mother Nettie Chewing. A memorial service was held on Monday, February 6, 1:00 pm at UBC.

On Saturday, February 18, 1:00 pm, we will have a memorial service for Lu Overbeck with reception to follow.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Join us in wishing some of our church family a Happy Birthday next week!

**Feb. 20:** Megan Buczkowski

**Feb. 21:** Adam Moore, Ron Tweel

our UBC youth will be standing at the doors of our church holding soup pots. Please consider bringing in a cash donation to toss in the pot! You can also give by marking "Souper Bowl of Caring" on the memo line of your check, or [give online](#) and select "other designation" from the dropdown menu. All donations will be directed to the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry here in Charlottesville.

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### UBC Family Movie Night, Feb 24

At the request of our youngest UBCers, we will be having a UBC Family Movie Night! Join us on Friday, February 24, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a night of fun. We will provide popcorn and soda/drinks for everyone, and you are welcome to bring any other food or treats you would like to have. No need to hide the candy on your way into this movie! Gather for popcorn at 6:30, movie will start around 6:45. If you are willing to arrive early to help move couches/comfy seating from other parts of the church into the Fellowship Hall, please let me know.

This is a wonderful evening to invite friends and neighbors to come join us, especially those friends and neighbors with young kids. They can come and join our young-at-heart for an all-ages night of fellowship.

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### Budget Presentation Timeline

On Wednesday, February 1, 6:00, in the Fellowship Hall, Larry Martin presented the 2023 budget to the Church Council and Deacons. On Wednesday, February 8, 6:00, it will be presented to the church, and on Wednesday, February 15, 6:00, there will be a Church Conference to vote on the 2023 budget.



Congratulations to Andrew & Christina Mundell and proud grandparents, Tom & Diane Mundell, on the birth of Cecil Ray Mundell, born Monday, February 6 at 1:58

am. Cecil Ray weighs 9 lb. 3.5 oz. and is 21 ¾ inches long. Mother and son are both doing well.

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### Thank You!

Thanks to all who contributed to our recent project of providing "Birthday Cake Kits" to our local Food Bank. UBC collected over

three dozen kits that were ecstatically received this week by Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. In fact, they said requests for birthday cakes come in "almost daily". How wonderful to know that, even in times of food insecurity, a small measure of joy can be shared in the form of a birthday treat. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Michele Turner and Debby Johnson  
Kittie Colvin Trail Circle

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### Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday night dinners will resume

on February 8 with a budget presentation. Dinner at 5:30 will be rotisserie chicken, mixed vegetables, rolls, and cake followed by our discussion at 6:00.

Afterwards, at 7:00, everyone who would like to sing can join Will Cooke and the Sanctuary Choir in the Choir/Lecture Suite.



## Snow Tubing at Wintergreen Resort Saturday, February 25

UVA students, grab your friends and join us for a day of winter fun! UKirk at UVA and The Wesley Foundation will be partnering with UBC to offer an afternoon of snow tubing in Wintergreen, Virginia. The afternoon will include a 90-minute session of tubing followed by a meal in the home of a generous couple who live near the resort. RSVP to Val by February 19 to sign up.

## Save the Date! Registration now open CBF Virginia Mission Madness March 17-19, 2023, Newport News

Join with hundreds of youth from across Virginia for this exciting mission experience! UBC Youth will travel to Newport News March 17-19 to serve alongside of other 6th-12th grade students. We will spend the night in a hotel, go out to do service projects throughout the community on Saturday, and participate in worship and fun alongside other church groups.

Cost per person is \$110 (scholarships available). Registration and fees due by February 17. We will leave UBC at 5:00 pm on Friday and return by 12:30 pm on Sunday.

## Sunday Mornings

### Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service will begin at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, whether in person or virtually. As always, you can listen by radio on WINA (1070 AM and 98.9 FM), or you can join us online for our live broadcast. To view the live video broadcast, visit our [Facebook page](#) or click [this link](#) to watch on YouTube.

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