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BAPTIST  
CHURCH

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"To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus,  
Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia"

1 Peter 1:1b

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Preacher | Trey Richardson  
Service Leader | Colby Harper

## Welcome

UBC exists because God, in his infinite love, sent his Son Jesus Christ to live and die in the place of sinners. On the third day Jesus rose bodily from the grave, once and for all victorious over sin and death. Now, through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, God is reconciling this broken world to himself. We gather in that great hope. We pray it's your hope as well, and that you're encouraged during your time with us.

## Note on Children

It's a joy to have your children join us during the worship gathering! At ConnectingPoint in the foyer, we provide activity bags and a "sermon notes for kids" coloring sheet to encourage their engagement during the gathering. If they do get restless however, we have televisions throughout the foyer and in the nursing mother's room (located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Main Hall), which carry a live stream of the service. Finally, we also offer classes during the main gathering for all nursery through preschool-aged children. For these classes, you can check your child in at the first floor Randall Hall doors near the front entrance fountain. If you need help locating any of these things, don't hesitate to ask someone around you. Our members love opportunities to welcome you and orient you to our church!

## Church Membership

For those interested in membership at UBC, we regularly offer a Discovery Class. In this class, you'll learn what the Bible says about church membership, what we believe as a church, and how we seek to live out the commands of God's Word. Our upcoming Discovery Class will be held in the Chapel on Sunday, February 25th, at 12:15pm following the morning service. Please sign up by scanning the QR code on page 16, or by visiting our website ([www.ubcfayetteville.org/connect-with-us/discovery-class](http://www.ubcfayetteville.org/connect-with-us/discovery-class)).

# "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing  
Our helper, He amidst the flood of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing  
Were not the right man on our side  
The man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be; Christ Jesus it is He!  
The Lord of Hosts His name, from age to age the same  
And He must win the battle

And though this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim; we tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

*A mighty fortress, a rock unfailing  
The King of Glory forever amen  
For endless ages enthroned in praises  
The King of Glory forever amen*

That word above all earthly pow'rs; no thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go; this mortal life also  
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

*Chorus (x2)*

## Call to Worship | Psalm 111:2-4

*All Scripture readings are taken from the English Standard Version.*

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

## Confession of Faith | God's Purpose of Grace

UBC Statement of Faith, Article 8 | References: 2 Tim. 1:8-9; Eph. 1:3-14; 1 Peter 1:1-2; Rom. 11:5-6; John 15:16; 1 John 4:19; 2 Thess. 2:13-14; Acts 13:48; John 10:16; Matt. 20:16; Acts 15:14; Ex. 33:18-19; Matt. 20:15; Eph. 1:11; Rom. 9:23-24; Jer. 31:3; Rom. 11:28-29; James 1:17-18; 2 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 11:32-36; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Rom. 3:27; Rom. 4:16; Col. 3:12; 1 Cor. 3:5-7; 1 Cor. 15:10; 1 Peter 5:10; Acts 1:24; 1 Thess. 2:13; 1 Peter 2:9; Luke 18:7; John 15:16; 1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 Cor. 9:22; Rom. 8:28-30; John 6:37-40; 1 Thess. 1:4-10; Isa. 42:16; Rom. 11:29; 2 Peter 1:10-11; Phil. 3:12; Heb. 6:11

We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of persons, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

# "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

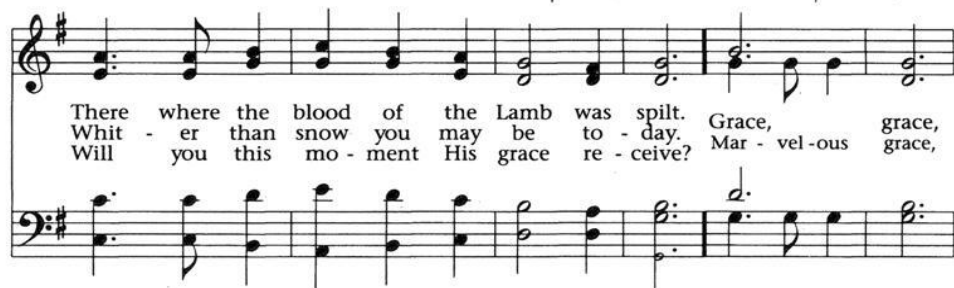
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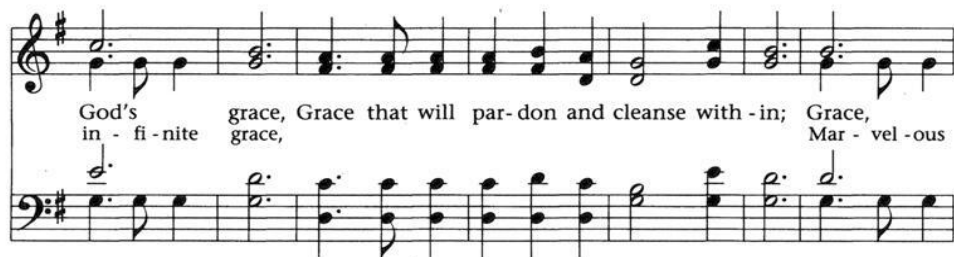
1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, Grace that ex - ceeds our  
2. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, What can a - vail to  
3. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, Free - ly be - stowed on



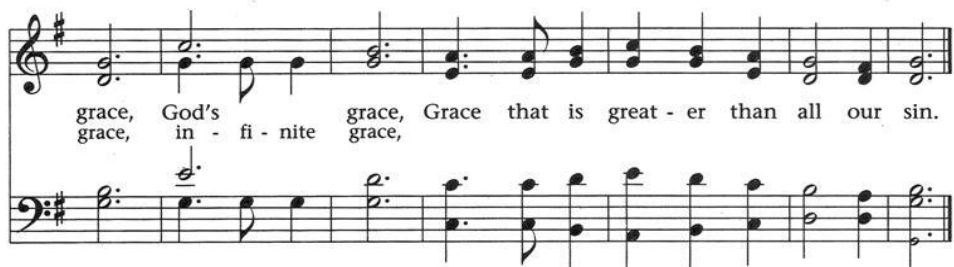
sin and our guilt, Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,  
wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide,  
all who be - lieve; All who are long - ing to see His face,



There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,  
Whit - er than snow you may be to - day. Mar - vel - ous grace,  
Will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?



God's grace, Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; Grace,  
in - fi - nite grace, Mar - vel - ous



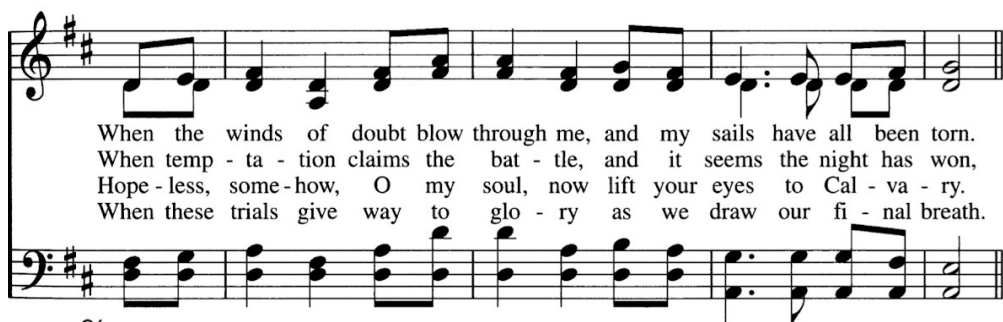
grace, God's grace, Grace that is great - er than all our sin.  
grace, in - fi - nite grace,

# "Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor"

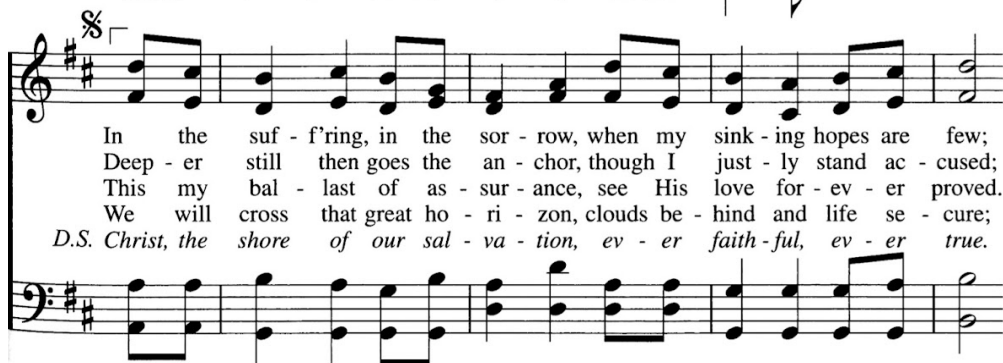
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1. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm;  
 2. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on;  
 3. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, through the floods of un - be - lief;  
 4. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, as we face the wave of death;



When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.  
 When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won,  
 Hope - less, some-how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.  
 When these trials give way to glo - ry as we draw our fi - nal breath.



In the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few;  
 Deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused;  
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.  
 We will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure;  
*D.S. Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.*



*D.S. for refrain*  
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 And the calm will be the bet - ter for the storms that we en - dure.  
 We will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.

## Scripture Reading | Hebrews 11:6-16

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<sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.


## Prayer of Praise

*Praising God for the beauty of His character*



# "Almost Home"

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1. Don't drop a sin - gle an - chor, we're al - most home; Through ev - 'ry toil and dan - ger, we're  
 2. The pro-mised land is call - ing, we're al - most home; And not a tear shall fall then, we're  
 3. This jour - ney ours to - geth - er, we're al - most home; Un - to that great for - e - ver, we're  
 4. This life is just a va - por, we're al - most home; That sun is set - ting yon - der, we're



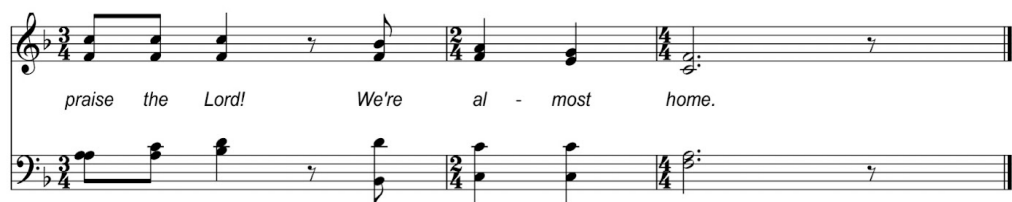
al - most home. How ma - ny pil - grim saints have be - fore us gone?  
 al - most home. Make rea - dy now your souls, for that king - dom come.  
 al - most home. What song a - new we'll sing 'round that hap - py throne.  
 al - most home. Take cour-age for this dark - ness shall break to dawn;



No stop - ping now— we're al - most home. F 1.  
 No turn - ing back— we're al - most home. F 2.3.4.  
 Come, faint of heart, we're al - most home.  
 Oh lift your eyes, we're al - most home.



Al - most home, we're al - most home. So press on toward that bles-sed shore, Oh



praise the Lord! We're al - most home.

## Pastoral Prayer

*Bringing our requests to God, our Father*

## Sermon Notes

1 Peter 1:1-2

*Chosen Exiles*

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## Next Week's Sermon

February 4 | Brad Wheeler

John 1:35-51 | *"Transformation: Observer to Follower"*

# "Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

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1. Mine are days that God has num-bered; I was made to walk with Him.  
 2. Mine are tears in times of sor-row, dark-ness not yet un-der-stood.  
 3. Mine are days here as a stran-ger, pil-grim on a nar-row way.

Yet, I look for world-ly treas-ure and for-sake the King of kings.  
 Through the val-ley I must trav-el where I see no earth-ly good.  
 One with Christ I will en-coun-ter harm and ha-tred for His Name.

1. But mine is hope in my Re-deem-er; though I fall, His love is sure.  
 2. But mine is peace that flows from heav-en, and the strength in times of need.  
 3a. But mine is ar-mor for this bat-tle, strong e-nough to last the war.  
 3b. And mine are keys to Zi-on ci-tty where be-side the King I'll walk.

For Christ has paid for ev'-ry fail-ing; I am His for-ev-er-more.  
 I know my pain will not be wast-ed; Christ com-pletes His work in me.  
 And He has said He will de-liv-er safe-ly to the gold-en shore. (to 3b)  
 For there my heart has found its treas-ure; Christ is mine for-ev-er-more.

**Bridge: sing twice after completing all verses above; then return to verse 3b**

(Bridge:) Come re-joice now, O my soul, For his love is my re-ward.

Fear is gone and hope is sure: Christ is mine for-ev-er-more. repeat, then go to 3b

## Elders/Deacons

### *Elders/Pastors*

Wes Burgess  
Scott Bielinski  
Sam Dawson  
Christian Dennett  
Michael Gaddy  
Mike Griffis  
John Henderson  
Sam Knecht  
Stephen Martin  
Kevin McCollum  
Dan Paul  
Cole Penick  
Nick Roark  
Brad Wheeler

### *Deacons*

Brett Arent (Children's Ministry)  
Hayden Beckwith (Parking)  
Wes Bond (Ordinances)  
Jack Gilliland (Member Care)  
Frank Hannon (Member Care: Hospitalizations)  
Chris Hsiao (Bookstall)  
Cory Meyer (Building & Grounds)  
Caleb Pond (Sound)  
Evan Smith (Greeting)  
Davey Stallings (Member Care)  
J.J. Tartaglia (Member Care: Benevolence)  
Jonathan VerHoeven (Safety)

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## Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor | Brad Wheeler  
Associate Pastors | Mike Griffis, John Henderson, Stephen Martin, Nick Roark  
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Women's Counseling Coordinator | Anna Nunn  
Women's Ministry Coordinator | Erika Dennett  
College Ministry | Jacob Killion, Taylor Sheffield  
College & Youth Outreach | Bennett Cox  
Children's Ministry Coordinator | Leah Smith  
Administrative Staff | Molly Hastings, Ruth Henderson  
Operations Director | Joe Futterer

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## Get Connected

### Sunday Mornings

8:30 – 8:55a | Pre-Service Prayer Meeting | Chapel  
9:00 – 10:15a | Equipping Classes & Sunday School  
10:30a – 12:00p | Worship Service | Main Hall

### Wednesday Evenings

6:00 – 6:45p | Prayer Gathering | Heritage Hall  
6:00 – 7:30p | Youth Ministry (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Fellowship Hall

## News & Events

### **Members' Meeting | Tonight | 5pm | Chapel**

*Members of UBC, please make plans to gather tonight for this family meeting in order to hear updates on the life of the church and its ministry and to vote on new member candidates.*

### **Equipping Classes | Sundays | 9:00am**

*Equipping Hour classes have begun! A study through Ephesians is being led by Wes Burgess in Main Hall 104, Ben Evans in Main Hall 333, Steve Davidson in Chism Hall 204, and Larry Lloyd in Chism Hall 205. Additionally, John Henderson will lead a class focusing on learning from the lives of a dozen kings of the Old Testament. This study, "Heart of the Kings" will be held in the Chapel. Please visit our website for more information.*

### **Connect with Our College Ministry**

*For any college students and young adults interested in getting plugged into our college ministry, we invite you to join us for our Midweek Gathering Wednesdays at 7pm at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry building (944 W Maple St). For more info on connecting with us, scan the QR code below!*

### **Children's Ministry Training | Next Sunday | 2.4 | 3pm | Randall Hall Conference Room**

*If you're interested in learning more about what it looks like to serve the parents and children of our church, this is a great place to start! Our children's ministry provides many opportunities to come alongside parents in helping them train their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Please register via the QR code below or reach out to Leah Smith at [lsmith@ubcfayetteville.org](mailto:lsmith@ubcfayetteville.org) for questions.*

### **Sunday Evening Service | Next Sunday | 2.4 | 5pm | Chapel**

*Join us next Sunday night for our churchwide prayer gathering where we'll worship God together through praying, singing, and hearing a devotional from Exodus 4:22 by Dan Paul.*

### **Potluck | Next Sunday | 2.4 | Fellowship Hall**

*Please join us next Sunday night following the evening service for our monthly potluck! We hope this will be a wonderful time to get to know and encourage fellow brothers and sisters in Christ over a family meal. UBC Members, if you are able, please bring a hearty main dish. For more info, please refer to the churchwide email from Pastor Nick Roark.*

### **Save the Date for Children's VBS 2024! | 6.23-6.26**

*This year's Vacation Bible School theme is "The Great Jungle Journey." More info to come!*

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