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CHURCH

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"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

John 12:46

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Preacher | Brad Wheeler

Service Leader | Jacob Killion

## 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 Sunday, January 12th, at 12:15pm following the morning service. Please sign up by scanning the QR code on page 16, or by visiting our website at ([www.ubcfayetteville.org/connect-with-ubc/discovery-class](http://www.ubcfayetteville.org/connect-with-ubc/discovery-class)).

# "Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel"

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Sing we the song of Emmanuel  
This the Christ who was long foretold  
Lo, in the shadows of Bethlehem  
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold

*God Most High in a manger laid  
Lift your voices and now proclaim  
Great and glorious Love has come to us  
Join now with the hosts of heaven*

Come we to welcome Emmanuel  
King who came with no crown or throne  
Helpless He lay, the Invincible  
Maker of Mary now Mary's son

*O what wisdom to save us all  
Shepherds, sages before Him fall  
Grace and majesty, what humility  
Come on bended knee adore Him*

Go spread the news of Emmanuel  
Joy and peace for the weary heart  
Lift up your heads for your King has come  
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark

*Glory shining for all to see  
Hope alive let the gospel ring  
God has made a way He will have the praise  
Tell the world His name is Jesus (x2)*

## Call to Worship | Isaiah 53:1-3

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

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
<sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.  
<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

## Baptismal Testimony

Reece-Mallory Couch

## Baptismal Vows & Response

### Baptismal Candidate:

Do you make profession of repentance toward God and faith  
in the Lord Jesus Christ?

*I do.*

Do you promise, by God's grace, to follow Him forever in the  
fellowship of His church?

*I do.*

### Members of UBC:

Do you promise, by God's grace, to welcome, love, and pray  
for Reece-Mallory and so fulfill the promises set forth in our  
church covenant?

*We do.*

# "Joy To The World"

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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 and heart pre-prepare 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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 And won-ders of His love.

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# "What Child Is This?"

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1. What Child is this, who laid to rest On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to own Him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you.  
Raise, raise a song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!

## Scripture Reading | Isaiah 6:8-13

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

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." <sup>9</sup>And he said, "Go, and say to this people:

"Keep on hearing, but do not understand;  
keep on seeing, but do not perceive."

<sup>10</sup>Make the heart of this people dull,  
and their ears heavy,  
and blind their eyes;  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and hear with their ears,  
and understand with their hearts,  
and turn and be healed."

<sup>11</sup>Then I said, "How long, O Lord?"  
And he said:

"Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is a desolate waste,  
<sup>12</sup>and the LORD removes people far away,  
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup>And though a tenth remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak,  
whose stump remains  
when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

## Prayer of Praise

*Praising God for the beauty of His character*



# "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

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1. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, His ho - ly will a - bid - eth;  
2. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, He nev - er will de - ceive me;  
3. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, Though now this cup in drink - ing  
4. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, Here shall my stand be tak - en;

I will be still what -e'er he does, And fol - low where He guid - eth.  
He leads me by the pro - per path, I know He will not leave me.  
May bit - ter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, un - shrink - ing.  
Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not for - sak - en.

He is my God, though dark my road; He holds me that I shall not fall;  
I take, con - tent, what He has sent; His hand can turn my griefs a - way;  
My God is true, each morn a - new Sweet com - fort yet shall fill my heart;  
My Fa - ther's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall,

And so to Him I leave it all, And so to Him I leave it all.  
And pa - tient - ly I wait His day, And pa - tient - ly I wait His day.  
And pain and sor - row shall de - part, And pain and sor - row shall de - part.  
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## Pastoral Prayer

*Thanking God and bringing our requests to Him*

## Sermon Notes

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# Sermon Notes

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Next Week's Sermon | December 22

1 John 4 | *Abide: "Know the Love of God"* | Scott Bielinski

# "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

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1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross, On which the  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the  
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sor - row and  
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Baptism

## Elders and Deacons

### Elders/Pastors

Wes Burgess  
Scott Bielinski  
Christian Dennett  
Mike G.  
John Henderson  
Sam Knecht  
Stephen Martin  
Dan Paul  
Nick Roark  
Brad Wheeler

### Deacons

Brett Arent (Children's Ministry)

### Deacons (Cont'd)

Hayden Beckwith (Parking)  
Alex Davis (Ordinances)  
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)  
Tim Ward (Ushering)  
Danny Wright (Member Care)

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## Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor | Brad Wheeler

Associate Pastors | Mike G., John Henderson, Stephen Martin, Nick Roark

Assistant Pastor | Scott Bielinski

Pastoral Assistants | Anthony Aviles, Ryan Berry, Colby Harper

Operations Director | Joe F.

Director of Church Partnerships | Cole Penick

College Ministry | Jacob Killion, Taylor Sheffield, Casey J., Parker Lipetska, Kellan M.

Missions Development Coordinator | Jon M.

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Women's Ministry Coordinator | Erika Dennett

Women's Counseling Coordinator | Anna Nunn

Youth Ministry | Brandon M., Kelsy Minga, Zach R.

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## Get Connected

Sunday Mornings

8:30am – 8:55am | Pre-Service Prayer Meeting | Chapel

9:00am – 10:15am | Equipping Classes & Sunday School

10:30am – 12:00pm | Worship Service | Main Hall

Wednesday Evenings

4:30pm – 5:30pm | Prayer Gathering | Chapel

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

7:00pm – 8:30pm | College Midweek | U of A BCM (944 W. Maple)

## News and Events

### Homebound Member Christmas Bags

*Let us encourage our Homebound members this holiday season by blessing them with a Christmas card or letter. These can be dropped off in the Christmas gift bags setup in the Main Hall foyer by 12pm today to be sent out this week. Scriptures and handmade cards are especially appreciated.*

### LifeGroups | Tonight

*LifeGroups serve as local gatherings of UBC members for sermon-based discussion, prayer, and fellowship. For more information or to sign up for a LifeGroup, please scan the QR code below or visit our website.*

### Second Mile Ministries Christmas Outreach | Comfort and Joy

*This year, we are collecting warm blankets and outerwear for our community in need this holiday season. Please bring your donations to ConnectingPoint in the Main Hall foyer on Sunday mornings or at Second Mile in the Fellowship Hall M/W/F, 9am-12pm. Visit our website for more info.*

### Christmas Eve Service | 12.24 | 5pm | Main Hall

*Join us on Christmas Eve for a short gathering where we will sing hymns, listen to Scripture readings, and hear a devotional on the Gospel that has come to us through the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members to this evangelistic gathering!*

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