



UNIVERSITY
BAPTIST
CHURCH

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So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

John 12:35-36

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Preacher | Brad Wheeler

Service Leader | Ryan Berry

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 4th 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).

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, O sing, all ye
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, Je - sus, to

come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come and be - hold Him, born the King of
bright hosts of heav'n a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the
Thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap -

an - gels!
high - est! O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
pear - ing!

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Call to Worship | Isaiah 49:5-6

All Scripture readings are taken from the English Standard Version.

⁵And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Baptismal Testimonies

Gordon Sulkowski & Keegan Bond

Baptismal Vows & Response

Baptismal Candidates:

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 Gordon and Keegan and so fulfill the promises set forth in
our church covenant?

We do.

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

"Jesus Is Mine"

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1. Fade, fade, each earth - ly joy; Je - sus is mine. Strong - er than
2. In days of frag - ile peace, Je - sus is mine. Through tear - ful
3. When on that fi - nal day, Je - sus is mine; Be - fore His



fleet - ing hopes, Je - sus is mine. Dark is the wild - er - ness,
nights of grief, Je - sus is mine. His voice com - mands the storm,
ra - diant face, Je - sus is mine. Safe in His arms I'll cling,

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Earth has no rest - ing place, Je - sus a - lone can bless; Je - sus is mine.
His pres - ence stills my soul, He will sus - tain my hope; Je - sus is
prais - ing my Sav - ior King, for - ev - er - more I'll sing: "Je - sus is

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mine. Je - sus is mine, Je - sus is mine. When all else fails, He
mine."

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still re - mains; Je - sus is mine! mine!

Scripture Reading | Isaiah 52:7-15

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⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

¹¹Depart, depart, go out from there;
touch no unclean thing;
go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves,
you who bear the vessels of the LORD.

¹²For you shall not go out in haste,
and you shall not go in flight,
for the LORD will go before you,
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.
He Was Pierced for Our Transgressions

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

Prayer of Praise

Praising God for the beauty of His character

"Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery"

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1. Come, be - hold the won-drous myst-'ry, in the dawn - ing of the King;
2. Come, be - hold the won-drous myst-'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man;
3. Come, be - hold the won-drous myst-'ry, Christ the Lord u - pon the tree;
4. Come, be - hold the won-drous myst-'ry, slain by death the God of life;



He the theme of heav-en's prai - ses, robed in frail hu-man - i - ty.
In his liv - ing, in his suf - fring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
In the stead of ruin - ed sin - ners, hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him, praise the Lord, He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come;
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man;
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un - fold;
What a fore - taste of del - iv - erance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope;



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.
Bring - ing ma - ny sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
Christ in po - wer res - sur - rect - ed, as we will be, when he comes.



Pastoral Prayer

Thanking God and bringing our requests to Him

Sermon Notes

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Sermon Notes

Next Week's Sermon | December 15

John 12:37-50 | *Transformation: "Failure to Fulfillment"* | Brad Wheeler

"Jerusalem"

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See Him in Jerusalem, walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him, now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely man, holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill, hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits, praying to the father
See the King who made the sun, and the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross, now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds, takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now, see the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today, death could not contain Him
Once the servant of the world, now in victory reigning
Lift your voices to the one, who is seated on the throne
See Him in the new Jerusalem
Praise the one who saved us

Lift your voices to the one, who is seated on the throne
See Him in the new Jerusalem
Praise the one who saved us!
Praise the one who saved us!

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

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Operations Director | Joe F.

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Women's Ministry Coordinator | Erika Dennett

Women's Counseling Coordinator | Anna Nunn

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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

6:00pm – 6:45pm | Prayer Gathering | Chapel

6:00pm – 7:30pm | Youth Ministry (5th – 12th Grade) | 2nd 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 each Sunday until December 15th at the Main Hall foyer in the Christmas gift bags. Scriptures and handmade cards are especially appreciated.

Sunday Evening Service | Tonight | 5pm | Chapel

Join us tonight for our churchwide prayer gathering where we'll worship God together through praying, singing, and hearing a devotional sermon from Philippians 2:5-11 by Andrew Nunn.

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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