

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

February 23, 2025

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:9-12

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Preacher | Brad Wheeler

Service Leader | Scott Bielinski

Music 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 **today**, February 23rd, at 12:15pm following the morning service in the Chapel. 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).

"Victory in The Lamb"

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He will clothe the poor with crowns
In the kingdom He calls theirs
He will raise them to the halls of heaven
And release their earthly cares

And the hard times they will come
The black clouds they will break
But His riches come with the morning sun
And they grow green fields of grace

*So let all condemnation cease
Let guilt have no more claim
Let the devil lose all dominion
For the Lamb of God He came!
And the Lamb of God was slain!
And the Lamb of God was raised!*

We will fix our wandering eyes
On the wonders of our Lord
By His sacred stripes we have been healed
Through His wounds our joys' supplied

Chorus

The strong ones and the weak
Are the same under His blood
For empty handed all must come
To receive His endless love

Chorus (x2)

Call to Worship | Hebrews 12:28-29

All Scripture readings are taken from the English Standard Version.

²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

"Only A Holy God"

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Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God
Only a Holy God

Chorus (x2)

"See The Destined Day Arise"

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1. See the des - tined day a - rise! See a wil - ling sac - ri - fice!
2. Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
3. Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sac - ri - fice to place



Je - sus, to re - deem our loss, hangs up - on the shame - ful cross;
And with ten - der bo - dy bear thorns, and nails, and pierc - ing spear?
All our trust for life re - newed, Par - doned sin, and prom - ised good.



Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and just - ice fair?
Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, ming - led from your side with blood;
Grant us grace to sing your praise, 'round your throne through end - less days,



Ev - ery pang and bit - ter thro, fin - ish - ing your life of woe?
Sign to all at - tes - ting eyes of the fin - ished sac - ri - fice.
Ev - er with the sons of light: "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, might!"



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus Christ, we praise your name!



Scripture Reading | Acts 2:36-47

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³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Prayer of Praise

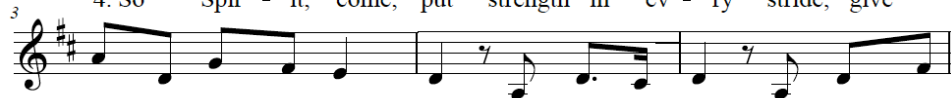
Praising God for the beauty of His character

"O Church Arise"

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1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith, to



they are strong, in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - our. When faced with
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en. And as the
win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -
stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His



lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing
cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in -
grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry
grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with



out to those in dark - ness.
her - it - ance of na - tions.
eye and heart shall see Him.
Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

Pastoral Prayer

Thanking God and bringing our requests to Him

Sermon Notes

Proclaiming Christ and Making Disciples: "By Worshipping & Witnessing"

UBC's Mission Statement: We proclaim Christ from all the Scriptures to make disciples from all the nations.

Sermon Notes

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Next Week's Sermon | March 2

Habbakuk 1-3 | *Major Hopes in Minor Prophets: "Faith in the Face of Evil"* | Garrett Kell

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home (Land of Rest)"

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1. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, When shall I come to thee?
2. Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; They see God face to face;
3. From e - very tribe doth music rise, All na - tions form the choir;
4. Why should I shrink at pain and woe Or feel at death dismay?
5. Oh when thou city of my God, Shall I thy courts ascend;
6. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys, when shall I see?
They tri - umph still, they still re-joyce; Most hap - py is their case.
Ten thou - sand times that man were blest That might this mu - sic hear.
I've Ca - naan's goodly land in view And realms of endless day.
Where con - gre - gations ne'er break up, And Sabbaths have no end?
Thine end - less joy, and of the same Par - tak - er ev - er be!



Elders and Deacons

Elders/Pastors

Wes Burgess
Scott Bielinski
Christian Dennett
Mike G.
Nolan Helder
John Henderson
Sam Knecht
Jon M.
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Brad Wheeler

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Brett Arent (Children's Ministry)
Hayden Beckwith (Parking)
Alex Davis (Ordinances)
Frank Hannon (Member Care: Hospitalizations)
Nathan Harris (Children's Ministry)
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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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

4:30pm – 5:30pm | 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

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.

Wee Care Christian Preschool 2025-2026 Registration

Today is the last day for UBC members to register for the upcoming school year before opening to current Wee Care families. Please reach out to kburgess@ubcfayetteville.org for more info or see the FOCUS email for registration links.

The Lord's Supper | Today

At the conclusion of today's sermon, we will observe the Lord's Supper together. Please continue to prepare your heart by reflecting with grief over your sin and joy over Christ's atoning sacrifice for sin.

Children's Ministry Training | Today | 12:15pm | Chism 205

Members of UBC, our next Children's Ministry training for new volunteers will be after the sermon today from 12:15pm-2:15pm in Chism 205. Visit our website or scan the QR below to sign up.

Men's Retreat | 2.28-3.1 | New Life Ranch

Men, join us for this year's retreat! Pastor Garrett Kell will lead through Matthew 5:8, James 1:2-18, and 2 Peter 1:1-11 on the topic of becoming like Jesus. Other various activities will also be available. Visit our website or scan the QR below to sign up.

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