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ONWATCH

Why Love?

It's so easy to get caught up in the present that we can lose sight of the past. The daily activities of family and work grab our attention, and current events monopolize what we have left. However, our faith has a rich history spanning two millennia since the time of Christ. Countless people lived and worked out their faith over the centuries, and we can look to them to learn something about what it means to be a Christ-follower.

Today, I was thinking of John Chrysostom. He was archbishop of Constantinople from 397 until 405 when intrigue and infighting led him to flee. Chrysostom emphasized the importance of moral living. He focused on the clarity of scripture and the transformative power of the Lord's Supper. He wrote about biblical passages in a practical way and looked at social justice, especially the relationship between wealth and poverty.

In Chrysostom's homily number 60 on Matthew 18:15, he wrote, "Love for Christ's sake is firm. It can't be broken or conquered. Nothing can tear it apart." Some people love because they receive love from others. Other people love because they have received honor or something else. This is transactional love. Chrysostom writes that love in Christ is transformational. It changes us. When we love for the sake of Christ, *that* love is built on a solid foundation. Nothing can tear it

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

New Beginnings
Dr. Jerusha Tillier

Scripture:

Exodus 12:1-14

Anthems:

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Harold Friedel
Pilgrims' Hymn
Stephen Paulus

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Jim Moore

Ushers: Cindy Bryant, Jimmy Li

College Dinner: Sign up [here](#).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Sept. 9: Sarah Schulte

Sept. 11: Leon Castle, Desteny Bonilla, Alba Beasley

Sept. 14: Nick Martindale

Sept. 15: Anne Smith

down or break it. This is the kind of love that can change the world.

We love because we learn how to love from Jesus. How can you be more loving today? How can you show the love of Christ with others in your orbit?

Peace,
Matt

Sermon Manuscripts Available

People have asked if Matt's sermon manuscripts are available, and the answer is, yes. If you would like to receive them, contact [Linda](#) in the church office, and we will add you to the list.



Ice Cream Ministry

Please consider volunteering to help set-up, serve, or clean-up ice cream during a week in September, so our devoted friends will have ice cream. Sign up [here](#) or call the church office. Vanilla, raspberry, AND donuts this week.



Let's Talk Race (LTR) is offering two new classes. The *Beginner's Guide to Conversations About Race* looks at the

biblical, historical, and societal impacts of race and racism in America.

Conversations About the Latin American Experience looks at history, immigration, and current day impacts of race and racism on Latin Americans.



Dr. Jerusha Tiller is an ordained Baptist minister. She completed her master's degree in divinity and a doctorate degree in ministry at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. She is currently the Chaplain at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for

Women.

She lives in Richmond with her nineteen-year-old daughter, a stage 4 cancer survivor, and her husband Martin Tiller and his daughter. Her grandparents were a major influence on her life. They retired from the Department of Corrections in India and told her bedtime stories of their work in Corrections. The stories took deep root in her impressionable heart and are the reason for her passion for prison ministry today.



Come for dinner tomorrow evening, Wednesday, September 2, 5:15pm followed by Celtic Evening Liturgy at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 6:30 in the Music Suite.

Menu:

Italian Sausage and Peppers on a Roll
Roasted Potatoes
Asparagus
Mixed Green Salad
Cake

Contact the church office, to make your dinner reservations.

Children's Church

Children's Church will be taking a break for the months of July and August and will resume on Sunday, September 13. During this time there will be a table with activities in the Sanctuary for the children during the sermon.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, September 2

9:00 Work Team
12:00 Ice Cream Ministry
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Wednesday Night Program
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 3

5:30 Memorial Service for Forrest Marshall
6:30 Reception

SUNDAY, September 6

8:30 Church Council Meeting
9:30 Seekers Bible Study
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 College Bagel Brunch
4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
5:30 College Dinner

MONDAY, September 7

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, September 8

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle Meeting
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



Star Words

If you didn't get a star word and would like one, they are available in the church office.

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Ed & Betty Barker

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Renfro & Sandy Manning

Donna Marshall & Family on the passing of Forrest Marshall (His service will be Thursday, September 3, 5:30 with reception to follow. If you would like to help with the reception, contact the church office. There will be a QR code on the back of the bulletin for free parking in the 14th St. Garage.)

Larry & Lynn Martin

Edith Parker

Brett & Michele Turner

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

*In order to respect privacy, limited information is included here.

Children/Youth Missions Project



Sunday, September 20
12:00 pm in Room 120

Come for pizza and a missions project.
All children and youth are invited.



Young Adults Group

UBC is putting together a group for young adults in their 20s, married or single, who are working, in grad/law/medical school, or in other situations. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact [Hadessah](#) or [Dean](#) Tennant for details.



Help Feed Our College Students

5:30 Sunday night college dinners are for Jubilant members and UBC college students. Help provide delicious meals for students as a way to care for our UVA neighbors. Sign up as a family, a Bible study group, or grab a friend to help you with set up and clean up. There are now separate sign ups for providing food and/or hosting. Click [here](#) to pick your date.

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Sunday Morning Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service begins at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us 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.

Do you have something to submit to our weekly newsletter?
Suggestions must be submitted to linda@universitybaptist.org
by Monday at noon.

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