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Thank you to the members of University Baptist Church for making a commitment on Consecration Sunday. Your generous support of God's work in our congregation will change lives and our community in extraordinary ways.

To Join  
or Not to Join?



During the process of planning for Consecration Sunday, we prepared lists of people for the Consecration Sunday team. They asked for lists of "Active Members" and "Inactive Members." We encouraged them to cross-reference the list of "Active Participants" and share a list of "Friends of the Church." In our church database Realm (which you can access [here](#)), you will also find "Business Partner," "Community Friend," "ESOL Participant," "Former Staff Member," "Former UBC Member," "Giver Only," "Inactive Family Member," "Jubilate," and more.

To my knowledge, there is no exhaustive list of the categories or definitions of what each category means. In September 2022, during our Wednesday night series "Why should we care about \_\_," we studied church membership. We looked at what it means to be part of the family at University Baptist Church. Is it

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, November 24, 2024

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

*This is a king?*

Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

John 18:33-37

**Anthem:**

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Paul Manz

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Jimmy Li

**Ushers:** Tom & Sylvie Moore

**College Dinner:** Click [here](#) to sign up to provide a dinner for our College students.

necessary to join? Why not join? Most importantly, why join?

Defining the different categories in our database would be nice, but it isn't an essential prerequisite for following Christ. In Matthew 4:18-22, Jesus invited Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow him. Saying, "Yes," to that invitation to "leave our nets" and follow Jesus is the essential step. We have agency, and we get to decide whether or not we want to make Jesus Lord of our lives.

As Christ-followers, we join with other Christ-followers, and together, we form a family of faith. That's what the church is, and that is what UBC aspires to be. We never intended to be a club with rules and membership lists. Yet this structure and these lists help us organize and make it easier for us to accomplish Jesus' work in our community. Still, we should never lose sight of our calling to be a family of faith where all are welcome.

Joining is a statement of belonging. It's like saying, "I believe in what this family of faith believes, and I want to state publicly that this people is my people" (cf. Ruth 1:16). However, there's no pressure to join. If one doesn't feel the Holy Spirit leading down the aisle to make such a statement, that's okay. One of the aspects of being part of the family of faith at UBC is the recognition that everyone is at a different place on their journey.

Whether you've joined or not, I am glad you are part of our family at UBC, and I look forward to continuing to walk in faith with you.

Peace,  
Matt



### Photos for our Realm Directory

Alaysia will be available  
Tuesday morning, Nov. 26  
and Dec. 3 and also after

church on Sunday, Nov. 24 and Dec. 1. Stop by  
and let her snap your picture for the online directory.

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, November 20

9:00 Work Team  
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:00 Why Should I Care About Church Membership?  
6:00 UBCKids Choir  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, November 24

8:30 JARC Meeting  
9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class  
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study  
11:00 Morning Worship  
12:00 College Bagel Brunch  
4:30 Jubilate Rehearsal  
6:00 College Dinner

### MONDAY, November 25

12:30 Missions Council Meeting

### TUESDAY, November 26

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group  
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



In this series of Word articles, [Elizabeth Dowdy](#) explains what *Worship+Wonder* is and how it is teaching our children to engage the parts of our worship services.

We are taking a break this week but check back next week for the next installment!



Join us tomorrow, Wednesday, November 20 for dinner at 5:30 and then beginning at 6:00, we will have a program entitled *Why Should I Care About Church Membership?* Have you ever considered

whether or not to join the church? Are you thinking about it? What does it even mean to "join" the church? Can you just show up? Come this week for a discussion about church membership.

Our UBCKids Choir will rehearse at 6:00 in the Children's Suite.

Childcare is always available.

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Our menu will be:

*Honeycrisp Apple Pork Roulade*

*Roasted Herb Potatoes*

*Green Beans*

*Cranberry Pork jus*

*Mixed Green Salad*

*French Silk Pie for Dessert*

Following the program you are invited to sing with the Sanctuary Choir as they rehearse in the Music Suite.



**Children's Christmas Shoppe**  
**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Wednesday, December 4**

We will have our usual Wednesday night dinner in

the Fellowship Hall.

Children will begin with a short UBCKids Choir rehearsal in the Children's Suite and then have the opportunity to "shop" for gifts for their family members, which can be purchased for \$.50 each. All proceeds go to the CBF Global Missions Fund. There will also be fun Christmas-themed activities for the children and a chance to wrap their gifts.

**Donations needed:** If you have small "treasures" that you would like to contribute, please drop them off in the church office or in the preschool department.

**Prayer Requests\***

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Roy Clements

Tommy Deal

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Todd Minor on the loss of his father

Kaylee Risell

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Richard Vaughan

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

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

**Nov 20:** Jane Thomas

**Nov 21:** Wyatt Minor, Judy Shah

**Nov 22:** Sue Sears

**Nov 24:** Ben Martindale, Andrea Smith

**Nov. 25:** Dean Tennant

**Nov. 28:** Christina Mundell

**Nov. 29:** Harper Burgess

**Nov. 30:** Brian Guyton

**Dec. 3:** Esther Tian, Micah Ohlms, Gwynivere Wells, Caleb Brown

## SWAPsgiving Benefit Meal on Saturday, November 30 in the Fellowship Hall

Come support UBC college student Jaden Bernard as she raises money for her friend Sabriya who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of lymphoma. The meal begins at 5:00 on Saturday, November 30. You can come and provide a supportive presence, bring a dish to share and/or make a donation to contribute to Sabriya's medical expenses.

If you prefer to use text to give by texting Give2ubc to 73256, select SWAPsgiving Benefit in the dropdown menu.

Click [here](#) to RSVP for dinner and/or sign up to bring a food donation.

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### Sunday Mornings

#### Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service begins at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, 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.

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