



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday

GATHERING

Marking the Hour

We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Words

Dr. Matthew Tennant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Prelude

March of the Magi

arr. Hustad

"The star shines above the magi as they seek the Christ. They encounter Herod, and then the star returns to guide them to the child."

Lighting the Candles

We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

*Call to Worship

Megan Sharp

The Glory of God has now appeared
through Christ our light, in flesh.
The reign of God has now arrived
through Christ our king, our eternal ruler.
The mystery of God has been revealed
through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.
With the stars to lead us and the magi to teach us,
we come, bringing our gifts to worship God.

*Hymn 147

The First Nowell

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*Invocation Larry Johnson

Greeting

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the red booklets found in each row,
so that we have a record of your presence today.*

Mission Moment 125th Anniversary Rev. Susan Deal

Anthem *Star in the East* arr. Milburn Price
Sanctuary Choir

Hail the blest morn, see the great Mediator, down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds, go worship the Babe in the manger, lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning! Dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid.
Star in the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our Infant Redeemer was laid.*

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, odours of Eden and offerings divine.
Gems from the mountain, and pearls from the ocean, myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine.

Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gold we His favour secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration: dearer to God are the pray'rs of the poor.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 (p.783-84) Alaysia Toney

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 152 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Morning Prayer Rev. Elizabeth Rickert Dowdy

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*Doxology 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 (p.553) Tommy Deal

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *What Will You Illuminate This Year?* Dr. Tennant

Anthem

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

arr. David L. Brunner

Ingrid Flaherty, Diane Mundell, Sheri Owen, Megan Sharp

O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shining far through shadows dim, giving the light for those who long have gone.
Guiding the wise men on their way unto the place where Jesus lay. O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.

O Beautiful Star, the hope of life, guiding the pilgrims through the night, over the mountains till the break of dawn.
Into the land of perfect day, It will give out a lovely ray. O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on.

O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine upon us until the glory dawns.
Give us a lamp to light the way, unto the land of perfect day. O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.

O Beautiful Star the hope of grace for the redeemed, the good and the blest, yonder in glory when the crown is won.
Jesus is now the star divine, brighter and brighter He will shine. O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.

RESPONDING

Meditation

Barbara Moore

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Dr. Tennant

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

*If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking
with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.*

*Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

GOING

Benediction

Dr. Tennant

Postlude

Puer Nobis Nascitur

arr. Cherwein

**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

Instrumentalists:

Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano; Ezra Flaherty: Violin

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, January 5

8:30 Church Council Meeting
9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, January 6

4:00 Theology Reading Group

TUESDAY, January 7

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, January 8

9:00 Work Team
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Wednesday Night Program
6:00 UBCKids Choir
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, January 9

1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting
7:00 Deacons' Meeting

University Baptist Church

Thank you for coming to worship today. We are blessed by your presence, and we trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

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