

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Prelude	Barbara Moore
"What Child Is This" (Vaughan Williams)	
Lighting the Candles	Katherine Wagoner
Opening the Bible	Morgan Wagoner
Call to Worship	Julie Gaines
Leader:	The impossible is about to happen in a stable. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
People:	Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined!
Leader:	This is the evening when creation stood still and held its breath, for God was doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing.
People:	This is the evening when God embraced humanity from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.
Leader:	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
People:	And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Amen!
Hymn 76 – "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (stanza 1)	
O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.	
Invocation	Rev. Will Brown
Greeting	Rev. Brown
1st Gospel Lesson – Luke 2:1-7	Lynn Martin
Celebrating the Advent Wreath	Jennifer Wagoner

2nd Gospel Lesson – Luke 2:8-14	Lynn Martin
Hymn 93 – "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (stanza 1)	
It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.	
Children's Sermon	Erin Brown
Solo – "Some Children See Him" (Burt)	Laura Martindale
3rd Gospel Lesson – Luke 2: 15-20	Lynn Martin
Christmas Homily	Dr. Tennant
Solo – "When Mary Sang Her Lullaby"	Diane Mundell
Hymn 91 – "Silent Night"	
Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace. Silent night, holy night, Darkness flies, all is light; Shepherds hear the angels sing, "Alleluia! hail the King!" Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born." Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.	
Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.	

Christmas Benediction	
Recessional – "Noel" (Daquin)	Barbara Moore
Hymn 87 – "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"	
Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing. Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy. No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love.	

Christmas Blessing

After the Blessing, please extinguish the candles and remove the candle from its holder placing them in the boxes in the Narthex and on the steps.

Thank you to the many volunteers who make today's worship possible, including a special thank you to our floral committee and Tuesday morning work crew for arranging our holiday decorations.

Welcome to UBC

For Children and Families: Worship bags are available in the narthex.

For the Hearing Impaired: Our sanctuary is equipped with a broadcast system for the hearing impaired. Please contact one of the ushers to borrow a personal receiver.



Next Steps

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Coming Soon! Acoustic Vespers
Join us, January 12th for our first evening Acoustic Vespers. We will meet at 5 PM in music and lecture suite.

Calendar of Upcoming Events: Check out our website www.universitybaptist.org for a complete calendar of upcoming events and to learn more about church life.

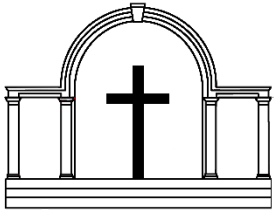
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Sunday Bible Study
With groups for every age and interest, there is a place for you here! To learn more about our class options, please visit our website, talk to Will Brown, or just come check one out: Sundays at 9:45.

give

Pledge cards are in the pews. Please take a few minutes to look at our new pledge card and contemplate how we can worship, nurture and serve together in 2020. Completed pledge cards can be returned to the office or placed in the offertory plates.

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