



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
December 24, 2023
4th Sunday of Advent

Marking the Hour		Barbara Moore
	<i>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.</i>	
Opening Words		Rev. Susan Deal
Prelude	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas, Sing We All Noel</i>	arr. A. L. Page
Lighting the Candles		
	<i>We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.</i>	
Opening the Bible		
	<i>We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.</i>	
Call to Worship (based on Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26)		Gary Dalton
	We sing of God's mercy and grace shown to all generations. We praise God's constant and never-ending love and faithfulness. We rejoice that God's promise of an anointed one—the Messiah—is about to be fulfilled. O come, O come, Emmanuel—God with us—forever!	
*Hymn of Praise 133	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	ADESTE FIDELES
*Invocation		Dr. Matthew Tennant
Greeting		Dr. Tennant
	<i>Please take a moment to sign and pass the red booklets found in each row, so that we have a record of your presence with us today.</i>	
Gospel Lesson	Luke 1:26-38 (p.831)	Martha Ballenger
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!	

*Hymn 110	<i>Love Has Come</i>	BRING A TORCH
	<i>During the last stanza of this hymn, we invite the children to come forward for the Children's Sermon.</i>	
Children's Sermon		Susan Hellings
	<i>We invite children in grades K-2 to exit and continue worshipping in children's Church upstairs in Room 210.</i>	
Anthem	<i>Sussex Carol</i>	arr. Hagenburg
	<p>Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring; on Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring, news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth. Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad; Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad; when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty. When sin departs before his grace then life and health come in its place. When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place; angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: then out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night, "Glory to God in highest heav'n, now and forevermore," Amen! Now and for evermore, Amen! Amen! Amen!</p>	
Morning Prayer and Blessing		Rev. Val Fisk
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*Advent Doxology		
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below. Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.	
*Old Testament Lesson	2 Samuel 7:1-11 (p.245)	Ben Chenault
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!	
Sermon	Letting God Be God	Dr. Tennant
Meditation		Barbara Moore
Invitation		Dr. Tennant
	<i>If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.</i>	

*Hymn of Response 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

*Postlude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Peeters

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

Instrumentalist:
Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano

Church Staff

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Join us this Advent and Christmas Season at University Baptist Church

Sunday, December 24, 11:00 am

Advent Worship Service

Sunday, December 24, 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 27, 4:00 pm

Birthday Cake Kit assembly & movie

University Baptist Church

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us, 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.

About Us: University Baptist Church is a vibrant community of faith, bringing together university students and area residents in worship, study, and service to our community. We seek to be an authentic community of Christians who love and care for each other as a family, and openly welcome and include all people regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or background. We believe that all people have important gifts to share in God's family, working together as the hands and feet of our good and loving God. Learn more at universitybaptist.org.

Newsletter: If you would like to stay updated on all the latest news and events at UBC, please call or email the church office at linda@universitybaptist.org.

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This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, December 24

9:30 ESOL Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
5:00 Christmas Eve Worship

MONDAY, December 25

Church Office closed

TUESDAY, December 26

Church Office closed
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

WEDNESDAY, December 27

4:00 Cake Kit & Movie