



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve

GATHERING

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Mary Jo Hendricks

Listen! The Word of God resounds throughout the earth.

O come, let us adore him!

Look upon the reflection of God's glory.

O come, let us adore him!

Behold the exact imprint of God's very being.

O come, let us adore him!

See the firstborn of creation and heir of all things.

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*Processional Hymn 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Dean & Eddy Tennant

*Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Invocation

Rev. Elizabeth Rickert Dowdy

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 with us this evening.*

Anthem

Star Carol
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies.
Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas Night!
Follow me joyfully. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory. Bear the news with its message of good cheer:
"Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!"

See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping. Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.
Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him, offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary.

Let us all pay our homage at the manger, sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night.
Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

HEARING

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-14

The Brown Family

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymn 113)
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Parker/Shaw

Evening Prayer

Megan Sharp

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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!

Homily

Christmas Eve Homily

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Hymn 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

RESPONDING

Litany for Christmas

Debby Johnson

In the midst of our despair,
Christ, our light has come.
Into a world torn apart by war and violence,
Christ, our peace, has come.
Close to our loneliness and our longings,
Christ, our good shepherd, has come.
Holding broken bodies and broken hearts,
Christ, our healer, has come.
To the hungry, and orphaned, the oppressed and displaced,
Christ, our liberator, has come.
To the long-suffering, to generations who have waited,
Christ, the promised one, has come.
We celebrate this mystery together:
Christ has come and dwells among us. Hallelujah!

The Passing of the Light

*Hymn 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

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! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
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.

GOING

*Hymn 134 v.1,2,4

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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, wonders of his love.

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

Instrumentalists:

Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano; Matt Tennant: Guitar

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, December 29 9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 7:00 Family Game Night	TUESDAY, December 31 Office Closed WEDNESDAY, January 1 Office Closed
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University Baptist Church

Thank you for coming to worship this evening. 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.

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.

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