



# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ**  
**December 22, 2024**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

## **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

*Away in a Manger and Angels We Have Heard on High*

arr. Lasky

Opening the Bible

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

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

The Gough Family

Advent Sung Response

*When God Is a Child v.4 (see insert)*

Joan Collier Fogg

Invocation

Theo Gregg

Greeting

Megan Sharp

*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.*

Mission Moment

Droughts in West Africa

## **HEARING**

Anthem

*Come, Emmanuel*

Keith Pate

UBCKids Choir

Advent candles, see their light, drive away the dark of night.

Hope (Peace, Joy, Love) we celebrate. This gift anticipate.

Come, Emmanuel.

Morning Prayer		Rev. Susan Deal
*Doxology 609	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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!	
The Story Begins		Sheri Owen, narrator
First Lesson	Luke 1:26-38	Alden Pinkham
Solo	<i>My Soul Gives Glory to My God (Hymn 99)</i> Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music Ingrid Flaherty, soloist	
Second Lesson	Luke 2:1-5	Sam Hellings
Hymn 121	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem v.1,2</i>	ST. LOUIS
Anthem	<i>Christmas Antiphonal</i> UBCKids Choir & Sanctuary Choir	Hal Hopson
	Who is He that is born this night? Tell us, O tell us! He is Mary's Son, the Holy Child. Alleluia. Who is He that is born this night? Tell us, O tell us! He is God's own Son, the Lord of all. Alleluia.	
Third Lesson	Luke 2:6-7	Gwynivere Wells
Anthem	<i>Bells Are Ringing</i> UBCKids Choir	Joanne & Milton LeDoux
	Bells are ringing, people are singing; Christmastime is here. Baby Jesus born in a manger; Come and worship the newborn King; come and worship the King. Alleluia, praises ring. Glory to the newborn King.	
Hymn 115	<i>Away in a Manger v.1,2</i>	MUELLER
Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:8-14	Dorothy & Adeline Deal
Anthem	<i>Midnight Clear</i> Sanctuary Choir	Russell Schulz-Widmar
	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 all, from heaven's gracious king." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring; Oh hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing! For lo! The days are hast'ning on, when with the evercircling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.	

*Hymn 113	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High v.1,3</i>	GLORIA
Fifth Lesson	Luke 2:15-20	Roy Thomas
Hymn 145	<i>What Child Is This v.1,3</i>	GREENSLEEVES
Sixth Lesson	John 1:1-14	Ingrid Flaherty
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God.		

Anthem	<i>Alle Alleluia</i> UBCKids Choir	Traditional Caribbean Melody arr. Taylor & Purdy
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Alle, alleluia, Christ is born! Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Angels sang to shepherds, "Gloria!" Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Shepherds came to worship the newborn King. Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Go and tell the world that Christ is Lord Alleluia, alleluia!

Sung Response  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

### RESPONDING

Homily	Extravagant Obedience	Dr. Tennant
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 136	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	GO TELL IT
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### GOING

Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Angels From the Realms of Glory</i>	arr. Burkhardt

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

Instrumentalists:  
 Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano; Ponyo Mulcahy: Organ; Jane Thomas: Handbells;  
 Bobby Gregg: Percussion

## This Week at UBC

<p><b>SUNDAY, December 22</b></p> <p>9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class</p> <p>9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 Morning Worship</p> <p><b>MONDAY, December 23</b></p> <p>12:30 Missions Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, December 24</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>5:00 Christmas Eve Worship</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, December 25</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>
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# 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.

**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](http://universitybaptist.org).

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# When God Is a Child

Brian Wren, 1984

Joan Collier Fogg, 1987

MOON BEAMS, Irreg. with refrain

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a C chord above it. The second staff has F, C, d, F7, and G chords above it. The third staff has a, F, G, C, and a chords above it. The fourth staff has F, G, C, a, F, d7, and C chords above it. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. A small flower icon is placed to the left of the fourth line of lyrics.

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
2. Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,  
3. Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,  
4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart,  
lead - ing us on till the mor - ning is bright.  
giv - ing a pro - mise of safe - ty and worth.  
tell - ing the world that the Sav - ior is born.  
Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.  
When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be  
first, and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

Narrator: *Sheri Owen*

UBCKids Choir

*Caleb Brown*

*Luke Brown*

*Seth Brown*

*Harper Burgess*

*Adeline Deal*

*Dorothy Deal*

*Calvin Gregg*

*Stella Gregg*

*Russell Pinkham*

Non-Speaking Roles

Mary: *Lauren Cooper*

Joseph: *Ezra Flaherty*

Jesus: *Lily Haislip*