



# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ  
December 8, 2024  
2nd 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

Rev. Elizabeth Rickert Dowdy

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Prelude

*On This Day, Christ is Born*

arr. Powell

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.*

Choral Introit

*Plaudite*

Victor Johnson

*Jubilate*

Make a joyful noise all ye lands. Let us bless the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God. Alleluia!

O clap your hands all people of the earth.

Lift up your voice with joyful songs of praise.

Let the rivers clap their hands! Let the mountains clap their hands!

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Madeleine Stigall, Seraphine Abannoh, John Grant, Oluwamisayo Ologun

Advent Sung Response

*When God Is a Child v.2 (see insert)*

Joan Collier Fogg

Invocation

Rev. Susan Deal

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 today.*

Mission Moment	Global Missions 2024	
*Hymn 96	<i>On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry</i>	WINCHESTER NEW
	<b>HEARING</b>	
Gospel Lesson	Luke 3:1-6 (p. 834)	Dean Tennant
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
Anthem	<i>O Nata Lux</i> Jubilate	Bryan Sharpe
	O light born of light, Jesus, Redeemer of the world, in your mercy graciously receive the praise and prayer of those who kneel before you.	
Epistle Lesson	Philippians 1:3-11 (p. 953)	Jess Lamberty Pinto
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
*Hymn	<i>How Shall I Fitly Meet You (see insert)</i>	PASSION CHORALE words by William Kuebler
Morning Prayer		Danielle Kenny & William Kuebler
	<i>The ministries of University Baptist Church are made possible by your financial support. Offering boxes are located at the rear of the Sanctuary, and electronic giving is on our Facebook page and at <a href="http://universitybaptist.org/give">universitybaptist.org/give</a>.</i>	
*Doxology 607	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.	
Anthem	<i>Sing We Noel! (see insert)</i> Jubilate	Robert Wetzler
Sermon	We Gather for a Reason	Dr. Matthew Tennant
	<i>At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may join Elizabeth for Worship+Wonder in the Children's Suite.</i>	
	<b>RESPONDING</b>	
Meditation	<i>The Journey (see insert)</i> Jubilate	Simon Lole
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 82	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	HYFRYDOL

## GOING

Benediction	<i>Beautiful Savior (see insert)</i> Jubilate	Tom Fettke
Postlude	<i>Hodie Christus Natus</i>	arr. Powell

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

Instrumentalists:

Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano/Metallophone; Bobby Gregg: Percussion; Ezra Flaherty: Violin

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## This Week at UBC

<p><b>SUNDAY, December 8</b></p> <p>8:30 JARC Meeting</p> <p>9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class</p> <p>9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>12:00 College Bagel Brunch</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, December 10</b></p> <p>11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle Meeting</p> <p>12:00 CBFVA Peer Learning Group</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, December 11</b></p> <p>9:00 Work Team</p> <p>5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner</p> <p>6:00 UBCKids Choir</p> <p>6:00 Service of Remembrance</p> <p>7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, December 12</b></p> <p>1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting</p>
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### Consecration Sunday Final Report

1. 80 giving units (couples or single persons) completed pledge cards committing a total of \$563,572.36 for the next 12 months.
2. Adding the expected giving of our other regular givers and non-donor sources (like parking income), we project our total church budget income over the next 12 months to be \$675,812.48.
3. Our total church budget income over the *past* 12 months was \$573,927.49.
4. This represents an increase in our total church budget income of \$101,884.99 (17.8%).

SPECIAL THANKS to the church staff and to the more than 50 other members who helped with this stewardship program!

# 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).

**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](mailto:linda@universitybaptist.org).

**Additional Parking:** Additional parking is available at the 14th St. Garage. Just show them your bulletin when you leave.

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## Church Staff

Senior Minister – Dr. Matthew Tennant

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# When God Is a Child

Brian Wren, 1984

MOON BEAMS, Irreg. with refrain

Joan Collier Fogg, 1987

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols (C, F, G, d, F7, a) are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 1. Hope is a star that shines in the night, 2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, 3. Joy is a song that welcomes 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.

## How Shall I Fitly Meet You

How shall I fitly meet you and give you welcome due?  
The nations long to greet you and I would greet you too.  
O Fount of Light, shine brightly upon my darkened heart.  
That I may serve you rightly and know you as you are.

As one who lives in darkness and speaks with lips unclean,  
how can I stand before you; what call like angels sing?  
Yet gracious and forgiving a coal an angel brings.  
And Holy, Holy, Holy my softened heart now sings!

The Lord now asks to send me, His "Go" I gladly do.  
Though hard the words He gives me, His judgments yet are true.  
But gloom will surely vanish, the dayspring now appears.  
The Holy Seed arises to wipe away our tears.

From your high throne descended, in form of helpless babe,  
with tiny hands upholding the world that you have made.  
For your great incarnation, we bow with reverence true.  
O Lord who came to save us, now bring us home to you.

### Sing We Noel!

Sing we noel with the angels in glory. Sing we noel! The Savior, Christ is born!  
All earth beholding God's plan unfolding. Bright angels singing, glad tidings bringing!  
Sing we noel with the angels in glory. Sing we noel! The Savior, Christ is born!  
Shepherds abiding, the star is guiding. Go, hasten yonder to see the wonder!  
The blessed maiden in manger laid him. Wisemen adore him, kneeling before him.  
Come, then, rejoicing, your praises voicing. To Christ our treasure, love past all measure!  
Sing we noel with the angels in glory. Sing we noel! The Savior, Christ is born.

### The Journey

The wise men left their country to journey morn by morn.  
With gold and frankincense and myrrh, because the Lord was born.  
God sent a star to guide them and sent a dream to warn.  
My life is like their journey, their star is like God's book.  
I must be like those good wise men with heav'nward heart and look.  
But shall I give no gifts to God, what precious gifts they took.  
Lord I will give my love to Thee, than gold more costlier.  
More sweet to Thee than frankincense, more priz'd to Thee than myrrh.  
Lord, make me dearer day by day, by day holier.  
Nearer and nearer day by day, 'til I my voice unite,  
and sing my "Glory, Glory" with angels clad in white.  
All "Glory, Glory" through all the angel height!

### Beautiful Saviour

Beautiful Saviour, King of Creation, Son of God, and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown!  
Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirits sing.  
Beautiful Saviour, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever, forevermore be Thine!  
Now and forevermore be Thine!