



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
December 10, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent

Marking the Hour Barbara Moore

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

Prelude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* arr. Burkhardt

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 Call to Worship *Ring Out! Ye Bells* arr. Dan Forrest

*Advent Carol 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Morning Prayer Rev. Val Fisk

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Facebook page and at universitybaptist.org/give.*

Greeting Rev. Val Fisk

*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.*

*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.

Christmas Perspectives

What Strangers Are These? (Old Scottish Carol)

arr. Dan Forrest

What strangers are these that wander through the town?

Hush, 'tis Joseph and weary Mary.

And what does he seek so hopeless and in vain?

He is seeking shelter for Mary.

For she is the blest and chosen of the Lord,

Who will bear to us a goodly King.

And who is this King of whom ye proudly sing?

Know ye not the Christ, Jesus the Savior?

What wee child is this that in a manger lies?

Hush, 'tis Jesus Christ, Son of Mary.

Say what fair maid is this whose joy is mixed with awe?

O 'tis Mary, mother of Jesus.

O these are the shepherds and these the magi kings

Who have brought Him their gifts of gold and myrrh.

But why kneel in homage here before a babe?

They adore their King, Jesus the Savior.

Who are these that march from death unto life?

These are they who love Jesus the Christ Child.

And how do they triumph o'er the gates of hell?

Through the grace of Him, Jesus the Savior.

He is born to redeem mankind from sin and strife,

To bring peace, joy, love and brotherhood.

O where shall I find Him? Where shall I seek?

He is here and now, Jesus your Savior.

Blessed is the Lord

Dan Forrest

Lyrics: R.C. Sproul

Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord.

Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.

Chosen first among the priests to serve within the temple walls,

Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.

"Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will come to raise salvation's horn.

"God incarnate, Word made flesh, to a virgin shall be born.

Christ brings light to sin's dark night: Our Dayspring, Jesus from on high,

Sayings and angels sing God's praise. All the earth and Heav'n's reply:

Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord.

Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

arr. Dan Forrest

Lyrics: James Montgomery

Angels from the realms of glory wing your flight o'er all the earth.
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Come and worship. Worship Christ the newborn King!

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night.
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Sages, leave your contemplation, brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great Desire of Nations, ye have seen His natal star.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Evermore our voices raising to th'eternal Three in One!

The Hands that First Held Mary's Child

Dan Forrest

Lyrics: Thomas Troeger

The hands that first held Mary's Child were hard from working wood,
from boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood.
This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail,
but cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.

When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame,
and gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name,
the angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height,
and, like the host of stars that beamed, blest earth with welcome light.

This Child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne
but God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone.
The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard,
and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word.

The tools which Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift
and use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift.
Let us, O Lord, not only hold the Child who's born today,
but, charged with faith, may we be bold to follow in His way.

He Is Born! (Traditional French Carol)

arr. Dan Forrest

*He is born, the divine Christ Child; play the musette and the bagpipe merrily!
He is born, the divine Christ Child; sing we all of the Savior mild.*

Through long ages of the past, prophets long have foretold His coming;
Through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last!

O, how lovely, O how pure is this perfect Child of heaven;
O, how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to humankind!

Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a Child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heav'nly peace.

The Shepherds' Lamb

Dan Forrest

Lyrics: Susan Bentall Boersma

A stable bare, a starlit sky, and under Heaven's watchful eye
a miracle in manger lay. The Lamb of God upon a bed of hay.

The first news of this glorious birth was told to those of little worth
who left their flocks, as angels said, to find the Lamb of God in manger bed.

The shepherds paused at stable door, looked on the Lamb and in Him saw
their own good Shepherd, born a Lamb, themselves the flock within the Shepherd's hand.

With shepherd's gaze in wonder on the mystery of Heaven's plan:
the Shepherd, born to live with us, is born to die for us.

Let the Stable Still Astonish

Dan Forrest

Rachel Miller: Soloist

Lyrics: Leslie Leyland Fields

Let the stable still astonish:

straw-dirt floor, dull eyes,

dusty flanks of donkeys, oxen;

crumbling, crooked walls;

no bed to carry that pain,

and then, the child, rag-wrapped laid to cry

in a trough. Who would have chosen this?

Who would have said:

"Yes, let the God of Heaven and Earth be born in this place."

Who but the same God

who stands in the darker, fouler rooms of our hearts

and says,

"Yes, let the God of Heaven and Earth be born in **THIS place.**"

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

arr. Dan Forrest

Lyrics: Charles Wesley

Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the new-born king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled".

Joyful all ye nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies.

With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem".

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored. Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity.

Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king".

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.

*Advent Carol 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*Choral Benediction

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest
Lyrics: Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost.

To heal the broken.

To feed the hungry.

To release the prisoner.

To rebuild the nations.

To bring peace among others.

To make music in the heart.

*Postlude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Della Joio

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

Narrator: Roy Thomas

Instrumentalists:

Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano

Lizzie Mayhood: Flute

Arlyn Burgess: Oboe

Patricia Dougherty: Piano

Bobby Gregg: Percussion

Brooke Mahanes: Violin

Lynanne Wilson: Cello



Join us this Advent and Christmas Season at University Baptist Church

Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 pm

Children's Christmas Shoppe & Hymn Sing

Friday, December 15, 6:00 pm

Holiday Light Bus Tour

Sunday, December 17, 11:00 am

All Church Pageant

Sunday, December 17, 7:00 pm

Christmas Jazz Vespers

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.

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This Week at UBC

<p>SUNDAY, December 10 9:30 ESOL Class 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>MONDAY, December 11 10:30 Bible Reading Group</p> <p>TUESDAY, December 12 4:00 Seekers Christmas Party 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, December 13 9:00 Work Team 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00 Wednesday Night Program 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>FRIDAY, December 15 6:00 Holiday Light Tour</p>
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