

welcome

to university baptist church

our **mission**

*Becoming a family of Christ followers,
connecting people with God's Kingdom*

how to **connect**

THE BIG THREE:

- Find a worship time
- Find a regular group
- Find a place to serve

Visit the Connection Corner before or after services to talk to someone about becoming a covenant member.

social media

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December 8, 2019



Prelude Christopher Morrison

Call to Worship Exaltation & Praise Ringers
Ding, Dong, Merrily on High
Lou Ann Bussey & Kay Carpenter, Directors

Welcome to Worship Kyle Wilson

A TIME OF WORSHIP

*Hymns of Praise Congregation
Emmanuel #82
The First Nowell #85

Pastoral Prayer Steve Johnson

Exaltation & Praise Ringers
In Dulci Jubilo

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle
The Hewitt Family

Hymns of Joy Congregation
Angels, from the Realms of Glory #94
O Little Town of Bethlehem #86

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Scripture Reading Melissa Dutton
Ephesians 3:14-21

Exaltation & Praise Ringers
Joy to the World

Today's Message
"Love vs. Hate, Selfishness, and Prejudice"
Dr. Steve Laufer
Ephesians 4:1-13 (Pew Bible Page #828)

*Song of Response Congregation
O Come, All Ye Faithful #89

A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

*Prayer of Thanks Stuart Skeeter

Offertory Alleluia & Carillon Ringers
Songs of the Shepherds

Announcements Dr. Steve Laufer

Closing Song Congregation
Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come #87

*All who are able, please stand.

Welcome

Dr. Gareth Robinson

Baptism

Bentlee Jones

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

The Ward Family

Worship in Song

The Lion and the Lamb

My Heart Is Yours

Scripture Reading

Jonathan Abary

Ephesians 3:14-21

Cornerstone

Prayer of Thanks

Aaron Glenn

Emmanuel (God with Us Forever)

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Song of Response

Here Comes Heaven

Announcements & Benediction

Dr. Steve Laufer

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The Belonging**Welcome & Announcements**

Dr. Gareth Robinson

Advent Candle Lighting

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Lord I Need You

How Great Thou Art

Scripture Reading

Matt Pena

Ephesians 3:14-21

Your Glory / Let us Adore

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Collective Reading & Benediction

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**Dismiss and Invitation To Linger
in Worship & Prayer**

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happening **now**

Pick up an **Advent book** TODAY! Drop by the table in the Fellowship Hall today and pick up your free copy. One per family, please, while supplies last.

Stop by *The Porch* and pick up **Faith@Home Christmas Family Movie Night cards!** These cards will give you great suggestions on conversations to have around two classic Christmas movies.

Everyone is invited to **Heritage Celebration Sunday** hosted today by UBC en Español (UBC's Spanish-language service)! Holiday heritage traditions, food, and decorations will be on display at the Pavilion. ▷ *Today, 12:30 pm, Pavilion*

Preschool & Children's Christmas Concert: Oh, Come, Little Children—Praise Kids Choir, Chorus Kids Choir & Kids Handbells will present their annual Christmas concert. Come and hear our little angels praise the newborn King! ▷ *Tonight, 6 pm, Worship Center*

Angel Tree Distribution Day—Angel Tree makes Christmas brighter for children of incarcerated parents. Volunteers are needed to distribute all of the presents donated to Angel Tree! For more info, contact Jill Tatum at jtatum0101@aol.com. ▷ *Wed, Dec 11, 5:30-7:30 pm*

Preschool Ministries Serving Opportunities—We need 13 adult volunteers during the 9:30 WBS hour! Please contact terri.greer@ubc.org.

IS/HS Christmas Parties—Intermediate and high school students, grab a friend and join us for the best Christmas celebration you've ever experienced! Food will be served and WBS leaders will be leading groups in a scavenger hunt—winners get prizes and bragging rights. ▷ *Sun, Dec 15, IS, 5-8 pm, 3rd floor, and HS, 5:30-8:30 pm, Chapel*

A Christmas Festival—The UBC Choir & Orchestra will perform traditional holiday favorites. ▷ *Sun, Dec 15, 9:30 & 11 am, Worship Center*

Important Scheduling Announcement—There WILL be WBS on Sunday, December 22, but there will NOT be WBS, Sunday, December 29, except for Preschool (ages 0-4 years).

Glory to the King—Join us for a day of contemporary Christmas worship with Sound of Light, UBC's contemporary worship band, and guest Divisi Strings. ▷ *Sun, Dec 22, 9:30 & 11 am, Worship Center*

The Belonging—Come be a part of this new Sunday evening worship service opportunity. ▷ *Tonight, 5-6 pm, the Chapel*

UBC Chamber Singers and Orchestra will perform holiday classics as part of our annual program, **A Service of Lessons and Carols**. ▷ *Sun, Dec 22, 6 pm, Worship Center*

Coats for Katya provides children's jackets and coats for orphanages in the Ukraine. Help support this ministry by donating new or gently used coats. Boxes will be set up around the church through December.

Vision Weekend—Mark your calendars for the best weekend of the year. During Vision, hundreds of students (grades 6-12) meet in host homes throughout the Clear Lake community to dig into God's word, worship deeply and serve fully! Register today at ubc.org/quicklinks. ▷ *Fri, Jan 17-Sun, Jan 19, 2020*

Save the Date: Rooted in Love...Marriage Retreat—When the roots are deep, there is no reason to fear the storm. Spend a weekend at Magnolia Houston as we deepen our roots in our marriages, relax, and reconnect with our spouses! Register at ubc.org/marriage. ▷ *Fri, Feb 21-Sat, Feb 22, 2020*

UBC en Español es el nuevo servicio de adoración en español que se lleva a cabo cada domingo a las 9:30 de la mañana en la capilla. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service—Bring the children and celebrate the birth of our Savior! Worship service with familiar carols, the Christmas story, glow sticks for everybody, and a live nativity. ▷ *Tues, Dec 24, 4 pm, Worship Center*

Classic Christmas Eve Service—Celebrate Christmas with an assortment of classic songs and carols! ▷ *Tues, Dec 24, 5:30 pm, Worship Center*

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service—Celebrate Christmas in exaltation with our traditional candlelight service and observance of the Lord's Supper on Christmas Eve. ▷ *Tues, Dec 24, 11 pm, Worship Center*



current **worship series**

Advent: Paradoxes

Love vs. Hate, Selfishness, and Prejudice (Eph 4:1-13)—We know that Jesus came to love all people, but saying that Christmas is about “love” is all too simple. After all, there was surely love in the world before Jesus. And there is love in the world today apart from Jesus. What Christ’s first advent sought to illustrate was the fullest manifestation of love possible, the kind of love that God has for us. It was a pushing of the concept of love to limits that were not practiced and not even fathomed by most of humanity: the kind of self-giving love that would extend even to one’s enemies. Paul illustrates how the early church was trying to emulate this love in his letter to the Ephesians. It is as timely for the church today as it was nearly 2,000 years ago.

Giving and Serving Opportunities—For more information about how you can get involved, visit ubc.org/celebrate-the-light!

- **Shoes for Venezuelan Migrants**—Bring new tennis shoes for men, women, and children to be shipped to our partners in Colombia.
 - **Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Center**—Party with families at the “Happy Birthday Jesus” party. ▷ *Tues, Dec 10, 5-8 pm*
 - **Heartis Retirement Home**—Celebrate the season at Heartis Retirement Home. ▷ *Sun, Dec 15, 3-4 pm*
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attendance update

Last Week WORSHIP 844 BIBLE STUDY 783

giving update

Last Week’s Offering	\$65,145
Weekly Requirement	\$71,000
FY2020 Budget (Oct-Nov)	\$592,000
Actual Giving	\$596,500



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