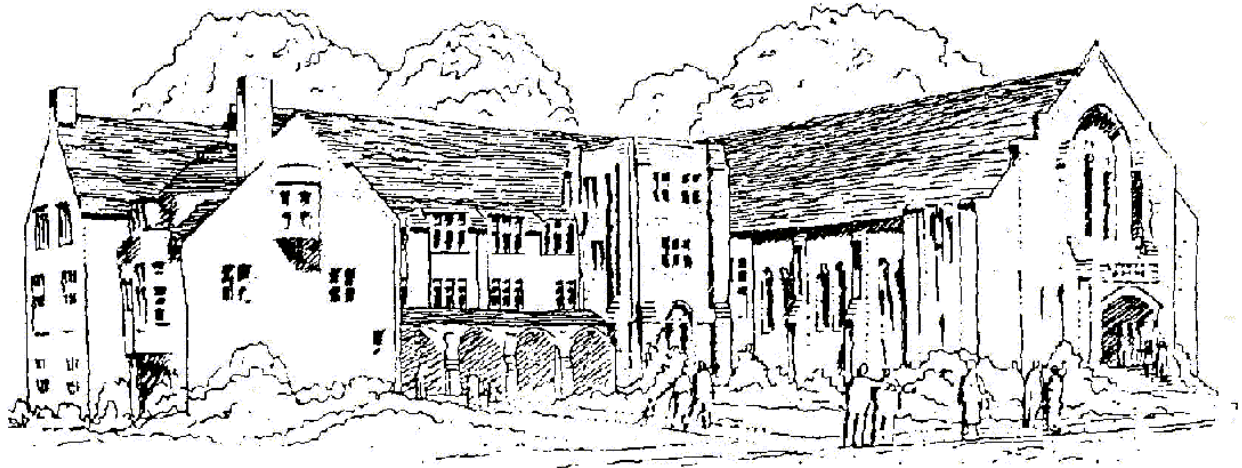


December 1, 2024



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Our Mission: to be a loving and inclusive community;
seeking faith, joy, action; nurtured by the Biblical tradition,
the teachings of Christ, and God's continuing revelation**



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Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Therefore, this place of sanctuary is free of violence in all its forms, including verbal violence and firearms. University Baptist Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches/USA, the Alliance of Baptists, The Twin Cities Baptist Association, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. Our intention at University Baptist Church is to use inclusive language in our worship.

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University Baptist Church

December 1, 2024

Advent 1

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Savior, of the Nations, Come

JS Bach

CONGREGATIONAL CALL & RESPONSE

Welcome!

¡Bienvenido a la casa de Dios! Добро пожаловать! Dobro pozhalovat! 欢迎! Huānyíng!
「ようこそ!」Youkoso!

SONG

In the Bleak Midwinter

Lynnette Fraser, soloist

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Felix and Dorcal

One: God of the long wait, we take hope, knowing you are a God whose movement is not dependent on our ability to perceive it.

Many: **Remind us that your wait in the womb of Mary was not time wasted but an intimate beginning in mystery, growth, and dependency.**

One: Let our own waiting be the same, that we would find ourselves able to trust our communities to sustain us, entering a safe and sacred interdependence for all parts.

Many: **As we wait for healing and liberation — in ourselves, in the world — help us to practice justice, repair, and mercy, never relying on the divine to absolve us of our collective and individual responsibility.**

One: And let us wait in mystery, believing that those who think they are in control of this world are not, and that oppression will not prevail.

Many: **Help us to be at rest with the unknowing, that we would trust the secret of Mary's womb, realizing we aren't entitled to knowledge or clarity, but are still held in love.**

One: Let us feel that even here you are moving, you are growing our way to life and healing.

All: **Protect us from despair as we wait for liberation. Amen.**

(Adapted from Black Liturgies by Cole Arthur Riley)

*OPENING HYMN

O Promised One of Israel

FOREST GREEN

A Singing Faith #18

*(*Stand as you are willing and able)*

18

O Promised One of Israel

1 O Prom-ised One of Is - ra - el By proph-ets long fore -
2 In si - lent suf - fering some a - wait Your reign of jus - tice
3 Cre - a - tion stands a - lert and tense To see your sov-ereign

told, We wait in ur - gen - cy and hope To
here, While oth - ers dulled by wealth and ease Can -
power. You choose to come a ti - ny Child Re -

see God's will un - fold. The dark of night and
not ex - plain their fear. When proph - ets spoke and
vealed this day and hour. O . grant us pa - tience

cold pre - dawn A - rouse our anx - ious fears.
Ma - ry sang Of - ta - bles o - ver - turned,
to re - ceive With - out pre - tense or pride

Help us to see the light a - head Through tri - als, doubts, and tears.
 Dare we ad-mit, in trem - bling awe, Our hearts with - in us burned?
 The gift of God's re - deem - ing grace: A Sav - ior by our side.

Jane Parker Huber, 1986

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FOREST GREEN CMD
 Traditional English melody
 Coll. and arr. by

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL CALL & RESPONSE

Peace Be with You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Mir vam!
 愿和平与你同在 yuàn hé píng yú nǐ tóng zài
 「平和がありますように！」Heiwaga arimasu youni!

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F C Am F G7 C
 cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Use these words or whatever is familiar to you)

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| <p>Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.</p> | <p>Padre/Madre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.</p> |
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CELEBRATING CHILDREN

GATHERING SONG

Welcome, Children, Welcome
*Bienvenidos niños, Jesús los ama,
Jesús los abraza, Bienvenidos niños.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN

There's Not a Thing That God Can't Do

WINCHESTER OLD

Insert

There's Not a Thing That God Can't Do

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

1. "There's not a thing that God can't do!" The an - gel said. "Not one! For
2. So Mar - y an - swered, "Here am I, The ser - vant of our God." She
3. There's not a bless - ing we won't know If God is pleased to share; As
4. O God, what awe - some things you do; You call, sur - prise and bless! As

Mar - y, God has fa - vored you And you will bear God's Son."
knew that she could well re - ly Up - on the an - gel's word.
Mar - y found out long a - go We're ev - er in God's care.
Mar - y an - swered, may we, too, Re - spond by say - ing, "Yes!"

WINCHESTER OLD 8.6.8.6

SERMON

"Rebirth"

Rev. Doug Donley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Kim Donley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We would have despaired unless we had believed
that we would see the goodness of God in the land of the living.
We wait for our God.
We will be strong, and our hearts will take courage.
Yes, we wait for our God.

(Psalm 27:13–14 NASB, adapted)

COMMEMORATING COMMUNION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to partake in this symbolic meal. Please come forward down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All juice is non-alcoholic, and the crackers are gluten-free. If you are not able to come forward, but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand and communion will be served to you where you sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

O Emmanuel

Cecilia McDowall

*CLOSING HYMN

Mary, Woman of the Promise

QUEM PASTORES

Black Hymnal #123

Mary, Woman of the Promise

Luke 1:39-55

Mary Frances Fleischaker, 1988

1 Mar - y, wom - an of the prom - ise; ves - sel
 2 Mar - y, song of ho - ly wis - dom sung be -
 3 Mar - y, morn - ing star of jus - tice; mir - ror
 4 Mar - y, mod - el of com - pas - sion; wound - ed
 5 Mar - y, wom - an of the gos - pel; hum - ble

of your peo - ple's dreams: Through your o - pen,
 fore the world be - gan: Faith - ful to the
 of the Ra - diant Light: In the shad - ows
 by your off - spring's pain: When our hearts are
 home for trea - sured seed: Help us to be

will - ing spir - it wa - ters of God's good - ness streamed.
 Word with - in you, as you bore God's won - drous plan.
 of life's jour - ney, be a bea - con for our sight.
 torn by sor - row, teach us how to love a - gain.
 true dis - ci - ples, bear - ing fruit in word and deed.

This text, selected as the winner in a regional Hymn Society competition seeking contemporary Marian hymns, portrays Mary's many roles in fulfilling God's promise. The author is an Adrian Dominican sister whose ministry has focused on worship and the arts.

Tune: QUEM PASTORES 8.7.8.7.
 German carol, 14th century
 Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God's Son is Coming

Walther

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

NOTES ON THE MUSIC

Advent wouldn't be complete without "O come, O come, Emmanuel" in some form. Today we have two new versions--a choral piece by Kim Donley, and an organ setting by the Canadian composer Cecilia McDowall.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Each month we lift up one of our mission partners. If you want to earmark a donation to this mission, please indicate that on your payment (online or by check). Here's the information for this month's special mission offering:

The Outreach missions for November and December are focused on programs which tackle justice issues in the Twin Cities. In the past, these have included Homeless organizations, voting rights groups, refugee services, LGBTQ+ groups, etc. Your donations are appreciated as we try to heal our cities and neighborhoods.

You can drop it in the offering with a note on the check or envelope, send a check to the church, designate a gift directly from your bank, or use our online portal for giving on the UBC website, www.UBCmn.org. Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!

—Kim Donley and Karole Graham, Outreach co-chairs

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter for Zoom links and more info
UBC's Admin Assistant's in-office hours are Tuesdays 12-3, Wednesdays 12-4, and Fridays 12-5.

Today

The nursery, Room 309, is available for children through age 10. Childcare is provided by U students Ely (they/them), Mara (she/her), Elijah (he/him), Sami (she/her), and Nova (she/her) from 9:15 to 12:45.

Refreshments will be served in the lounge immediately following the service.

Journeys, a Bible Study for adults — 11:30 in the library. Journeys is an opportunity to read, to explore your questions, and to share your thoughts about key passages of Scripture. Each week there is a new reading and a new lesson. Journeys is open to all. No preparation or long-term commitment is required. Feel free to attend regularly or only occasionally. See Diane Ehr or Nancy Myers for more information.

Scripture and topics are:

December 1 HOPE Jeremiah 33:14-16
December 8 PEACE Luke 1:68-79
December 15 REJOICE Philippians 4:4-7
December 22 Christmas break
December 29 Christmas break

Congregational meeting today at 11:30am to discuss hiring a marketing/communication professional and make decisions about the funding. **No forum today.**

This week

Sacred Harp Singing — Sundays (except the 1st), 4-6pm, and every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm, at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

Memoir Writing Group — December 3 & 17 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Voting, Pies, and “Where was I when _____ happened?” or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions. (NO meeting on 12/31)

UBC–FCC Daytime Handcraft Group — December 4 (1st Wednesday), 10am in the Parlour at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE). Bring your craft project and lunch if you like. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Choir & Bell Rehearsal — Wednesday evenings in the church sanctuary, 6pm for Choir, and 7:30 for Bells. We always welcome newcomers!

Caregiver Support Group — Thursday, December 5 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who have an elderly family member meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Bible Study — December 7 & 21 at 9am (every 1st & 3rd Sat). New and occasional members are always welcome. No special background, skill, or preparation is required. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ehr at DianeEhr@q.com.

Children’s Cookie Making — Sunday, December 8th after church in the Assembly Room.

Hope Lingers Here (Sound Mind Project's Winter Concert) — Sunday, December 8 at 2-3pm. Sound Mind Project is a choir dedicated to supporting the mental health of youth in our community. Join them the afternoon of December 8th for a wonderful concert at Nativity Lutheran Church (3312 Silver Lake Rd. NE, St. Anthony, MN 55418). There is a suggested donation of \$25, and a portion of the proceeds will support Northeast Youth and Family Services. Doug and Kim Donley sing in this choir.

Messiah Sing — December 8 at 7pm there is a Messiah Sing-a-long with the Minnesota Chorale at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Minneapolis. Several from UBC are going including Ty Wottrich who sings in the Chorale. Registration is requested. Attendance is free, \$20/person donation suggested. For more information, see <https://www.mnchorale.org/sing-with-us.html>.

Looking Ahead

Anti-racism Group — December 10 at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group — December 14 (2nd Saturday), 1pm. The book this month is *In the Night of Memory* by Linda LeGarde Grover. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Wild Church Gathering — Every 2nd Saturday of the month (December 14) at 2pm, at Father Hennepin Park (by the Stone Arch Bridge, on the same side of the river as the church). We will join together with friends from ULCH and FCC. During our time together, we will ground ourselves in scripture, poetry and song before embarking on a time of wandering. We will close with a time of reflection and sharing. The Wild Church movement invites us to reshape our relationship with creation through outdoor worship. See more info here: <https://www.wildchurchnetwork.com/>

UBC–FCC Knitting Group — December 16 (3rd Mondays), 7pm at Kris Felbeck’s. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Roots Cellar — Spencer LaJoye, Saturday, January 11 at 7pm. Details coming soon! Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at events.humanitix.com.

Card Club — Saturday, January 18 at 1pm. This group meets monthly to learn card-making techniques, share ideas, and make beautiful greeting cards. Due to the limited space and the need to prepare materials, registration is needed for each month's session. If you are interested, please contact Jean Lubke at 651-295-7525 or jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Meals on Wheels — December 2-5 (First full Monday-through-Thursday week of each month). Meals are picked up around 11:15 a.m. and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes less than two hours. We're always looking for substitute drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at mariclafrance46@gmail.com.

Every Meal — Thursday, December 12 (usually the 2nd Friday), 11am.-1pm at Marcy Open School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks in their lockers during the school day. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu

UBC history research — At the Minnesota History Center, UBC has 19 boxes of files and other materials. There is a lot of sleuthing to do! We are able to schedule appointments and reserve a table on Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10-1 and 1-4. If you would like to join a group going over to the History Center sometime, please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com or 612-845-8417.

Loaves & Fishes — January 31. 1816 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis 55404. Parking is available on Portland Ave. or in the small lot in the alley west of the building. We'll need about four people for food prep between 2-5 p.m., about six people for packing to-go containers from 4:30-6 p.m., and a couple people to help with clean-up until about 7 p.m. Let Steve Lee know if you can help at steven.lee@thrivent.com or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499.