

January 11, 2025



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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University Baptist Church

January 11, 2026

Epiphany 2

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Christ, Redeemer of Us All

Parry

Welcome!

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: We gather to worship the Word made flesh, who fled from the wrath of human powers into Egypt.

Many: The God we worship was a refugee.

One: We remember the children, from the time of Christ to today, caught in the crossfires of fear and greed.

Many: The God we worship was a refugee.

All: We gather to dream and build a better world where all children grow up, all exiles return home. The God we worship was a refugee.

(*Stand as you are willing and able)

*OPENING HYMN

We Pray for Those with Empty Hands

Singing Welcome - Insert

We Pray for Those with Empty Hands

 = 90



1. We pray for those with emp - ty hands, whose hopes have all but died, who
2. God, help us see our sis - ter's need and feel our broth-er's pain; help
3. God, help us do your work on earth as a - gents of your grace, till

search for work in trou - bled lands, where walls and wars di - vide. We
us to reach be - yond our greed and what we stand to gain. God,
peace and plen - ty come to birth and bless the hu - man race. Then

pray for ref - u - gees whose bread is earned at such great cost, whose
help us change sys - tem - ic wrongs that make the world un - just. Your
hun - gry chil - dren shall be fed, the poor be lift - ed up; and

work to keep their fam - ilies fed means cru - el bor - ders crossed.
king - dom to the meek be - longs— one built on love and trust.
all shall feast on liv - ing bread and drink the bles - sing cup.

(final only)

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C.M.D.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Mir vam! Pace!

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!

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Use these words or whatever is familiar to you)

Creator of all life and this Earth that is our home, who is all around us, hallowed be thy name. Thy commonwealth 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 realm, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Creador de toda vida y de esta tierra que es nuestro hogar, que nos rodea, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu mancomunidad. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. No nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal, porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN

GATHERING SONG

Welcome, Children, Welcome

Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

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

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN

God Stir Compassion

Singing Welcome – Insert

God, Stir Compassion in Our Hearts

Unison

♩=72

1. God, stir com - pas - sion in our hearts for
2. The hu - man fam - ly now is torn by
3. Help us e - merge from blind - ing fear and
4. God, give us cour - age to cre - ate a
ref - u - gees from war - torn lands, who cross rough seas and
fear, sus - pi - cion, hate, and war. How can we claim to both
wa - ken to our pres - ent need, to wel - come ways, war
path to peace both fair and just, to ban - ish and both and
hope to find a place where some - one un - der - stands.
fol - low Christ, yet turn a - way and shut our door?
great and small, to live our faith in word and deed.
build a world that bridg - es diff' - enc - es with trust.

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ROUGH SEAS
L.M.

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SERMON

“Jesus, the Immigrant”

Rev. Doug Donley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gentle Joseph Heard a Warning

Tune, Pleading Savior;
Text, Carl P. Daw Jr.

Gentle Joseph heard a warning
from an angel in the night;
valiant Mary, maiden mother,
roused from sleep, prepared for flight;
thus the Christ-child's family lived out
what the prophet had foretold,
that he might be called from Egypt
as God's people were of old.

Targets of a tyrant's army,
seeking safety, fleeing strife,
leaving house and land and kindred,
spurred by dreams of peaceful life;
through the desert of unknowing
and the night of doubt they went,
guided by God's promised presence,
by that trust made confident.

Give us, God, such faith and courage
when we move from place to place,
and to those who come among us,
make us channels of your grace.
Let us see in every stranger
refugees from Bethlehem,
help us offer each one welcome
and receive the Christ in them.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Todos son hijos e hijas de Dios.
No hay judío ni griego.
No hay esclavo ni libre.
No hay hombre y mujer.
Sino que todos somos uno solo en el espíritu.

We are all children of God.
There is no Jew or Greek.
There is no slave or free.
There is no male and female.
For we are all one in the Spirit.
—Galatians 3:26, 28, S. J. Patterson

*CLOSING HYMN

Singing Welcome – Insert

Safe Refuge

Safe Refuge Is God's Will for All

Text: William A. Pasch; 2005, rev. 2017

SAFE REFUGE (CMD)
Setting by Robert J. Weaver and William A. Pasch

J=104

5. God, whose man-sions wait; Christ Je - sus lead - ing on;

1. Safe ref - uge is God's will for all our fear would turn a - way. How
 2. Pro - phet - ic *A - mos chides the rich who dine and drink and chant. Their
 3. Our Sav - ior jour - neyed home- less too, through - out his min - is - try, in
 4. Those not in - vit - ed at the first shall yet en - joy the feast. Heed
 5. Cre - a - tor God, whose man - sions wait; Christ Je - sus, lead - ing on, pre -

(* Amos 6:4-7)

5

pre - par - ing rest - ful rooms for all trav - 'lers reach-ing home; A -

can we not help suf - 'ring ones find shel - ter day by day? Our
 self - ish, heed - less din drowns out the cries of those in want. So,
 serv - ing oth - ers show-ing us Love's gen - er - os - i - ty. A -
 well the Gos - pel's just re - buke: the great - est shall be least; for
 par - ing rest - ful rooms to greet all trav - 'lers reach - ing home; A -

9

bun - dant Spir - it, fir - ing faith in hope and char - i - ty: Great
 dwel - lings and our goods are but the gifts of Ho - ly Grace, not
 let our wor - ship, pray'r and song re - new our call to share pro -
 mong us still, both guest and host, Christ o - pens wide the door to
 all God's crea - tures need a home, a ha - ven from the pain of
 bun - dant Spir - it, fir - ing faith in hope and char - i - ty: Great

13

Three in One, un - ite us now in hos - pi - tal - i - ty!
 mer - it of our own, with - out God's wel - com - ing em - brace.
 tec - tion and fit sus - te - nance with all who need our care.
 those de - nied a life of peace, in health and sub - stance poor.
 sep - a - ra - tion from the fold. The Shep - herd calls a - gain.
 Three in One, un - ite us now in hos - pi - tal - i - ty!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Endrys Night

George Oldroyd

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Our outreach mission focus for January and February will be for ministries within the ABCUSA that are not already receiving funds through the UBC budget. This includes Retired Ministers and Missionaries Fund and One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you for your help in supporting these important national ministries.

You can drop your gift 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 & Karole Graham, Outreach coordinators

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today

The Journeys Bible Study – Our meeting is an opportunity to read Scripture together, to learn something new, to ask questions, and to talk about your faith. You can pick up a curriculum in the library. No preparation is required. Please feel free to come once or regularly. See Nancy Myers or Diane Ehr for more information.

January 11 - Restoration: Isaiah 43:1-7

January 18 - Spiritual Gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

January 25 - Love: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Forum – Talkback

UBC Merch & Gifts - UBC has a new calendar featuring 12 months of UBC corner signs. They are available today for \$20 each. **Represent UBC with T-shirts** for sale. A donation of \$20 is suggested, with cash or by using the giving QR code.

This week

Sacred Harp Singing – Every Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm, and 2nd and 4th Sundays, 4-6pm, at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

Saint Joan of Arc & ISAIAH Caucus & Action Training – Get grounded and equipped to caucus and invite others to caucus on February 3rd in support of the "People's Agenda: Dignity & Affordability for All", and to participate in other upcoming public actions in support of dignity & affordability for all.

In the **LINK** below, a form will open up and ask for your email, name and phone number.

Here are the dates:

Monday Jan 12, 6:30-8:30 pm - Zoom

Thursday, Jan 15, 1:30 - 3:30 pm - Parish Center at Saint Joan of Arc

Monday, Jan 19, 6:30-8:30 pm - Zoom

Tuesday, Jan 20, 1:30 - 3:30 pm - Parish Center at Saint Joan of Arc

Tuesday, Jan 27, 1:30 - 3:30 pm Parish Center at Saint Joan of Arc

Thursday, Jan 29, 1:30 - 3:30 pm Parish Center at Saint Joan of Arc

Thursday, Jan 29, 6:30-8:30 pm - Zoom

Here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewHdPaNZf_kQyHOjxCYwjXnYKw68yVdcL4II69NvbsYFVxww/viewform

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, January 13, 7pm on Zoom. Join us as we plan upcoming activities. All are welcome!

Saturday morning Bible study – January 17, 9am (1st & 3rd Saturday) on Zoom, resuming study of Luke.

Looking ahead

UBC–FCC Knitting Group – January 19 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Deb Wensman’s. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrif2828@yahoo.com.

Memoir Writing Group – January 20 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Firsts, and Who is your ideal reader (as opposed to your inner critic)? – or whatever you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have questions.

Spanish Conversation – Saturday, January 24th at 10am at First Congregational Church. Join folks from UBC and First Church to practice your Spanish. Coffee and pastry will be provided! Contact Deidre at deidredruk@aol.com if you have questions.

Card Club – Saturday, January 24, 1pm at Jean Lubke’s home. 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 at jeanlubke01@gmail.com or 651-295-7525.

UBC–FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – February 4 (1st Wednesday), 11am at Marilyn Burns’s home. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Caregiver Support Group – February 5 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support via Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – February 14 (2nd Saturday), 1 pm via Zoom. The book is *The Love of My Life* by Rosie Walsh. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrif2828@yahoo.com

THRIVE and Alliance of Baptists gatherings! UBC is part of the THRIVE grant racial justice cohort in the Alliance of Baptists. The spring gathering this year will be in Evanston, Illinois—THRIVE April 14–16, and the Alliance April 16–19. Pastor Doug will attend, and others are invited to attend in person or online to be part of this important work. For more information: <https://allianceofbaptists.org/ag26> and <https://allianceofbaptists.org/thrive/> and talk to Pastor Doug or Denise Roy. There are funds available to offset some of the costs, so don’t let cost be a barrier.

Reminders

We want your stories! – Do you have any special memories about your time at UBC to share? What brought you to UBC? Do you remember your first Sunday? What is/was different about worship here? Do you have a baptism story to share? Have you been part of the choir or the bell choir? What keeps you coming back? These are just some prompts to get you thinking. The 175th Anniversary Committee/Chris Follett will compile your stories into a booklet. If you want, consider attending our Memoirs group on Zoom every other Tuesday at 7pm, where we read our stories and give each other feedback. Maybe this will give you the impetus you need to get writing! Nothing fancy here! No writing experience necessary! Send it to us at marketing@ubcmn.org or to our mailing address.

Interested in joining UBC? We would love to learn more about you and help you learn more about UBC. We'll arrange time for a chat about Baptist beliefs, our congregation, and the logistics of joining. Please contact Paula Moyer, our new member facilitator, at paulamoyer52@gmail.com or 651-279-4152.

Volunteer Opportunities

Childcare volunteers needed – We have our second all-day **workday on Saturday, February 7** for which we need childcare from 9am to 4pm.

Needed: Nursery Circle-Time volunteers – Megan Dahlberg is looking for volunteers to provide “mini” Sunday school for the youngest kids. This entails leaving the service at the start of Joys and Concerns and providing a circle time for the kids, minus Peter and Andrew, who are with Megan at that time in their own Sunday school. The Circle Time typically would involve a song (to gather the children), a brief story, a song or two related to the story and a prayer. Megan has loads of suggestions for these mini lessons. Contact Megan at Dahlberg.megan4@gmail.com or text 651-491-9698.

Meals on Wheels – UBC participates in Meals on Wheels on Tues-Fri of the first full week of the month. Meals are picked up around 11:15am and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes 1-2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.

Every Meal – January 16 (usually the 2nd Friday), 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. at Marcy Arts Elementary School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu