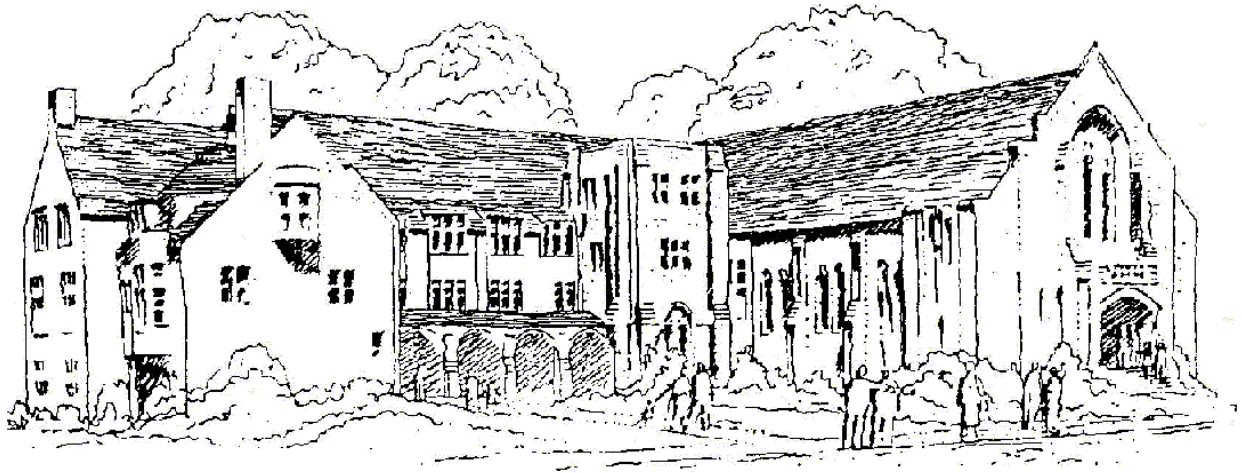


December 14, 2025



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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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 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 14, 2025

Advent III

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

F. Peeters

Welcome!

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

ADVENT II

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: We light this red candle in the direction of the West, the place where the sun sets, the place of introspection and emotion.

Many: **This third candle of the Advent Wreath is the candle of the Shepherds. It wasn't the rich and famous who came to worship the infant Jesus but shepherds, who lived among the poor.**

One: With this light we honor the Western Direction, the place of water, the home of emotions. The Direction of the West teaches us to allow compassion to flow through us, just as water flows down the river.

Many: **As we light this candle, we remember the poor in our community, those whom Jesus loved.**

One: We look to the West to ask for the courage to look within ourselves to see what needs to be changed.

Many: **Help us to turn from all that separates us from you and from each other, to turn toward you and walk in the light of your love.**

One: When we look toward the West, we see the Jordan Valley and remember John the Baptist, who came to prepare the way of the Lord, calling people to repent.

All: **Creator God, as the shepherds felt your love when they received the good news, bless us as we turn to the West, feeling the power of your love for all people. Amen.**

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

*OPENING HYMN
Blue Hymnal #151

Of the Maker's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Maker's Love Begotten

151

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-c.410
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, St. 1, all.
Tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, Sts. 2,3

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 13th century Plainsong, Mode V

1 Of the Ma-ker's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2 O the heights of heaven a - dore thee; An - gel hosts, thy prais - es sing;
 3 Christ, to thee with God the Ma - ker, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

Christ is Al-pha and O - me - ga, Christ the source, and end - ing be;
 Powers, do-min-ions, bow be - fore thee, And to thee our of - fer - ings bring;
 Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing, And un - wea - ried prais - es be:

Of the things that are, that have been, And that
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - ery
 Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e -

fu - ture years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 voice in con - cert ring, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 ter - nal vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Мир вам!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!

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics continue below the treble staff. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

¡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)

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.

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 libranos 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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-45

Rev. Doug Donley

Angels Holy, High and Lowly

65

John S. Blackie, 1809-1895, alt.

LLANHERNE 8.7.8.8.7.
George T. Thalben-Ball, 1896-

1 An - gels ho - ly, high and low - ly, Sing the prais - es
2 Sun and moon bright, night and noon - light, Star - ry tem - ples
3 O - cean hoar - y, tell God's glo - ry, Cliffs, where tum - bling
4 Rock and high land, wood and is - land, Crag, where ea - gle's
5 Roll - ing riv - er, praise God ev - er, From the moun - tain's

of the Lord! Earth and sky, all liv - ing crea - tures, Bear the
a - zure - floored, Cloud and rain, and wild winds' mad - ness, Let our
seas have roared, Pulse of wa - ters, blithe - ly beat - ing, Wave ad -
pride hath soared; Might - y moun - tains, pur - ple - breast - ed, Peaks cloud -
deep vein poured; Sil - ver foun - tains, clear - ly gush - ing, Trou - bled

stamp of the Cre - a - tor. Al - le - lu - ia, to our Lord!
voi - ces shout for glad - ness, Al - le - lu - ia, to our Lord!
vanc - ing, wave re - treat - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, to our Lord!
cleav - ing, snow - y - crest - ed, Al - le - lu - ia, to our Lord!
tor - rent, mad - ly rush - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, to our Lord!

REFLECTION

“God’s New Project”

Rev. Doug Donley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

Advent

Kathryn Rose

'Come', Thou dost say to Angels,
To blessed Spirits, 'Come':
'Come', to the lambs of Thine own flock,
Thy little ones, 'Come home'.

'Come', from the many-mansioned house
The gracious word is sent;
'Come', from the ivory palaces
Unto the Penitent.

O God, restore us unaware,
Unclose our lips though silent:
Then say to us, 'I will come with speed',
And we will answer, 'Come'.

-Christina Rosetti

*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
Blue #103

Hark, the Glad Sound

CHESTERFIELD

HARK, THE GLAD SOUND!

Chesterfield

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In E - vi't's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of God's grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above

Pachelbel

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: JUSTICE ISSUES

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

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

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

POINSETTIAS – If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve, please complete one of the envelopes you'll find in the pews, enclose your payment, and drop it in the offering plate. You can designate your poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. Take it home after the Christmas Eve service, or leave it at UBC to brighten the sanctuary through the end of December. Please order by December 17. Poinsettias are \$15 each.

Employee Appreciation – Annually we show our appreciation for our full- and half-time staff members with a monetary gift presented at the end of the year. **Contribute to the Staff Appreciation gift by December 24 using one of the following methods:**

- Put your contribution in the offering plate.
- Send your check or make a payment through your bank (payable to UBC, 1219 University Ave. SE, Mpls, MN 55414.)
- Donate online at www.ubcmn.org. Click on the "Giving" button at the top of the page and then select "Staff Appreciation."

If you pay by check, please note "Staff Appreciation" on the memo line. Please do NOT specify any particular staff member; it will negate your tax-deductible benefit and complicate the distribution process. The Personnel Committee will determine the final distribution. *-Personnel Committee: Megan Gunnar Dahlberg and Steve Lee*

Hymn feedback – Please complete the flyer giving feedback on today's hymns from the Blue Hymnal. With the help of a Calvin Vital Worship grant, we have embarked on creating a new worship resource. The Blue Hymnal that UBC created in 1983 (before other inclusive language hymnals existed) will be updated and expanded. We're spending this year looking at old hymns and trying out some new ones. Your input will be very helpful to the hymnal project team. We hope to have the new resource published by the summer.

Today's Forum – Carol singing from the blue hymnal. It's time for the Christmas hymns! As we reenvision our blue hymnal, created in 1983, as a new and expanded music supplement to our worship at UBC, we are singing the hymns currently in the blue hymnal and evaluating them as to whether we want to keep them, and if so, identifying changes we want to make. Because there are not enough Sundays to sing all our Christmas hymns in the blue hymnal, this forum will be devoted to evaluating as many as possible that are not scheduled for regular worship. Please come ready to sing!

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.
December 14 – Renewal: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Second Annual Cookie-making and Baking with UBC Children and Families – Sunday, December 14, 11am (or whenever you can come after the service or forum!) in the Adele Fadden Assembly Hall. Join UBC kids and families making and decorating cookies that they will serve at the sanctuary decorating party on December 21. For more info, contact Claire Mavity at s.clairecat@gmail.com.

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!

The vocal choir meets at 6pm, **bell choir** meets at 7:30pm Wednesday in the sanctuary.

Upcoming Forum: December 21 – Sanctuary decorating party. Join the fun as we hang the greens, trim the tree, and prepare the sanctuary for Christmas with a potluck lunch and treats.

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, December 16, 7 p.m. In November we participated with Judson Baptist in a presentation for the ABC Rochester Genesee Region on our congregations' responses to the murder of George Floyd. Join us as we look ahead to 2026 activities and priorities. All are welcome! ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 517 697 6753 Passcode: 602794

The 40th Annual Lubke Caroling Party – Friday, December 19, 7pm at Jean Lubke's home (2215 Ferris Lane, Roseville, 55113). Jean's townhome provides a neighborhood ready-made for easy caroling. So, weather permitting, we will bring our caroling books and carol at a few of the neighbors' and then we'll return to the house for wassail and goodies—and more singing around the piano and the fireplace! Please come, bring family and friends, bring a Christmas treat to share, and come ready to enjoy the music, food, and fellowship of the season! *RSVPs are very helpful so Jean knows how much wassail to make. Let her know if you can come at jeanlubke01@gmail.com or 651-295-7525.* Hope you can join us!

Saturday morning Bible study – December 20, 9am (1st and 3rd Saturday) over Zoom, resuming our study of Luke, from the end of Chapter 11 into Chapter 12.

Tree and Sanctuary Decorating and Potluck Party – Sunday, December 21, 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. Join us after the morning service to decorate the Christmas tree and sanctuary. Many hands make quick work! Please bring a food contribution to share. Cookies will be provided. Contact Margie Garmers if you can help with set-up or clean-up at mgarmers01@gmail.com.

We Need Carolers for Holiday Caroling – Holiday caroling visits are being organized for Saturday, December 20 and Sunday, December 21. If you would like to join in as a caroler, or if you know of someone who might enjoy a visit, please contact Margie Garmers at mgarmers01@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

Memoir Writing Group – January 6 (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 any questions. The Memoirs Group will NOT be meeting on December 23rd.

Christmas Eve Service – Wednesday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. Invite your friends and family to this annual Christmas Eve tradition at UBC. The service begins with a musical prelude at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Christmas story told by various speakers, interspersed with carols, and concluding with a candlelight singing of “Silent Night.” The service should be finished around 6:15 p.m. It will be livestreamed and available on UBC's YouTube channel.

Caregiver Support Group – January 8 (Usually the 1st Thursday, except for this month), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support via Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett.

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – January 7 (1st Wednesday), 11am at Jean Lubke's house. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – January 10 (2nd Saturday), 1 pm. The December book is *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – January 19 (3rd Monday), 7pm. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Reminders

Represent UBC! T-shirts are for sale. A donation of \$20 is suggested, with cash or by using the giving QR code.

UBC Calendars. UBC has a new calendar featuring 12 months of UBC signs. Last minute Christmas gifts anyone? They'll be available next Sunday for \$20 each.

Newsletter Deadline – December 23.

Spanish Conversation – We will take December off. Join folks from UBC and First Congregational Church to practice your Spanish again in January. We will meet at First Church. Coffee and pastry will be provided! Email deidredruk@aol.com if you have questions!

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 all-day **workdays on Saturday, January 10 and Saturday, February 7** for which we need childcare from 9am-4pm. We are looking for volunteers for those days especially, as well as the following Wednesdays (6-9 pm)/Sundays (9-12): Wednesday 12/17, Sunday 12/21, Wednesday 12/24, Sunday 12/28, Wednesday 12/31, Sunday 1/4, Wednesday 1/7, Sunday 1/11.

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 marielafance46@gmail.com

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AS WE COME TO THE CLOSE OF 2025,
THE 175th ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF OUR CONGREGATION!**

Celebrate Christmas Eve with us!
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
Lessons and carols with musical prelude at 4:30 p.m.

Write a memory of UBC as a gift to our community, and send it to us
at marketing@ubcmn.org or to our mailing address.