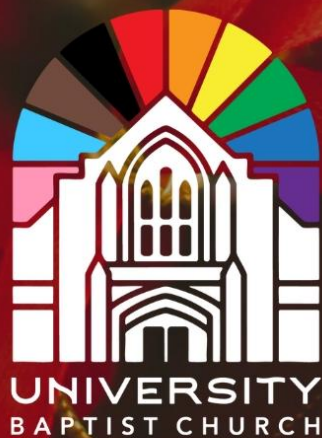


University Baptist Church

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 4:30PM

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55414

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The nursery (Room 309) is open but unstaffed if parents need a quiet place to take their children.

PRELUDE OF SEASONAL MUSIC

Organ solo: Savior of the Nations, Come, by JS Bach

Instrumental solo: What Child is This; Kim Donley, hammer dulcimer, Doug Donley, guitar

Choral anthem: Advent, by Kathryn Rose; text by Christini Rosetti

“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.”

Vocal solo: Quia fecit, from Magnificat, by JS Bach; Elwyn Fraser, soloist.

Latin text: Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius.

English translation: Because the mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is the name.

Choral anthem: Egredietur Virga, by Jacob Handl

Latin text:

Egredietur virga de radice Jesse et flos de radice eius ascendet.
Et requiescet super eum spiritus Domini: spiritus sapientiae et intellectus, spiritus consilii et fortitudinis.

English translation:

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

And the spirit of God shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might.

Vocal solo: O thou that tellest good tidings, from Messiah, by GF Handel; Lynnette Fraser, soloist.

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God!
Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of God is risen upon thee.

Choral anthem: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Jerusalem, by Kenneth T. Kosche

Rejoice greatly, O children of Zion!
Shout, children of Jerusalem!
See, your God comes to you,
righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of God.

Congregational hymn: Toda la tierra [TAULE]
Verse 1 Spanish, Verse 1 English, Verse 2 Spanish, Verse 2 English

Toda la Tierra

(All Earth Is Waiting)

Isa. 40:3-5; Luke 3:4-6; Matt. 1:23

*Alberto Taulé, 1972; alt.
Transl. Gertrude C. Suppe, 1987; alt.*

Unison

1 To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor y el sur - co a - bier - to, la
 2 Di - ce el pro - fe - ta al pue - blo de Is - ra - el: "De ma - dre vir - gen ya
 1 All earth is wait - ing to see the Prom - ised One, and o - pen fur - rows, the
 2 Thus says the proph - et to those of Is - ra - el, "A vir - gin moth - er will

o - bra del Crea - dor; es el mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad,
 vie - ne Em - ma - nuel," se - rá "Dios con no - so - tros," se - mi - lla se - rá,
 sow - ing of our God. All the world, bound and strug - gling, seeks true lib - er - ty;
 bear Em - man - u - el": One whose name is "God with us," our Sav - ior shall be,

re - cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. (4 dar - nos li - ber - tad.)
 con él la es - pe - ran - za al mun - do vol - ve - rá. (4 brings us lib - er - ty.)
 it cries out for jus - tice and search - es for the truth. (4 brings us lib - er - ty.)
 through whom hope will blos - som once more with - in our hearts.

3 Mon-tes y va-lles
ha-brá que pre-pa-rar;
nue-vos ca-mi-nos
te-ne-mos que tra-zar.
Dios es-tá ya muy cer-ca,
ve-nid-lo a en-con-trar,
y to-das las puer-tas
a-brid de par en par.

4 En un pe-se-bre
Je-sús a-pa-re-ció,
pe-ro en el mun-do
es-tá pre-sen-te hoy.
Vi-ve en-tre la gen-te,
con e-llas es-tá;
y vuel-ve de nue-vo
a dar-nos li-ber-tad.

3 Moun-tains and val-leys will
have to be made plain;
o-pen new high-ways,
new high-ways for our God,
Who is now com-ing closer,
so come all and see,
and o-pen the door-ways
as wide as wide can be.

4 In low-ly sta-ble
the Prom-ised One ap-peared,
yet feel that pres-ence
through-out the earth to-day,
For Christ lives in all Chris-tians
and is with us now;
a-gain, on ar-riv-ing
Christ brings us lib-er-ty.

Choral anthem: Come, O Come, Emmanuel, by Kim Donley

Come, O come, Emmanuel,
Ransom captive Israel;
That mourns in lowly exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come, thou wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come, desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Words of Welcome

Kim Donley

***Call to Worship**
LESSON I

A Prophecy
Daniel 7:13-14

Kim Donley

One: As I lay awake during the night, I was given many sacred visions. In one vision I looked and saw what appeared to be a True Human Being

Many: **He was riding on the clouds of the world above and was brought into the council house of the Ancient of Days.**

One: He stood before the Ancient of Days and was gifted with great authority over all the earth, with honor that outshines the sun, and with power that reaches beyond all directions.

Many: **All clans, tribes, nations and languages will honor and serve this Chosen One above all others.**

ALL: **For it will be a good road that can never fade away or come to a bad end.**

*please stand as you are able

*CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

Once in Royal David's City 172

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

IRBY 8.7.8.7.7.7.

Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly cat - tle
2 He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and Lord of
3 Je - sus is our life - long pat - tern, Day by day like us he
4 And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own re - deem - ing

shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by In a
all, And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his
grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, Tears and
love; For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our

man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that moth - er
cra - dle was a stall: With the poor, and mean, and
smiles like us he knew: And he feel - eth for our
Lord in heaven a - bove, And he leads us chil - dren

mild, Je - sus was her lit - tle child.
low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
sad - ness, And he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
on To a place where we be - long. A - men.



LESSON II

God's New Project
Luke 1:26-31

Jonathan Lubke

CAROL

Of the Maker's Love Begotten

Of the Maker's Love Begotten

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Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-c.410
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, St. 1, alt.
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.



LESSON III

Bitter Tears
Luke 1:32-38

Violet Butler

*CAROL

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlefolk

God Rest You Merry, Gentlefolk

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English Carol, 18th century

GOD REST YOU MERRY *Irregular with Refrain*
English Melody, 18th century

1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - folk, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
2 From God, our heav - en - ly Ma - ker, A bless - ed an - gel came;
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to our God sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,

Re - mem - ber Christ, our Sav - ior, Was born on Christ - mas Day,
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same:
This day is born a Sav - ior, Of a pure vir - gin bright,
And with true love and fel - low - ship Each oth - er now em - brace;

To save us all from e - vil power When we were gone a - stray.
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Child of God by name.
To free all those who trust in him From e - vil power and might."
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

REFRAIN

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy;

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

LESSON IV

Cousins
Luke 1:39-45

Betsy Kerr

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

(Tithes are a biblical model for being faithful. They represent a percentage of one's income, usually a tenth, set aside as the "First Fruits" of the harvest for God's work in the world. Offerings are any gifts above and beyond our tithes. The Christmas Eve offering will be dedicated to the UBC Fellowship Fund, which aids families and individuals in crisis. You can give with cash, a check or online at ubcmn.org/giving).

OFFERTORY CAROL

***Lo, How A Rose
E'er Blooming***

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

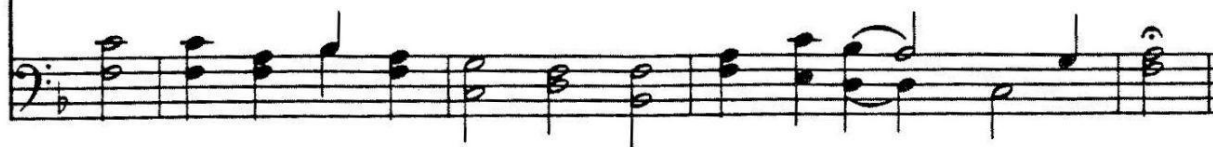
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German: anon., 15th century
Tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934

ES IST EIN' ROS' 7.6.7.6.6.7.6.
German: Melody, 16th century
Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath sprung!
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore-told it, The Rose I have in mind,



Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing As they of old have sung.
With Mar-y we be-hold it, The Vir-gin Moth-er kind.



It came, a flower-et bright, A-mid the cold of
To show God's love a-right, She bore to us a



win-ter, When half spent was the night.
Sav-ior, When half spent was the night.





LESSON V

A Humble Birth
Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Doug Donley
and the children

CAROL

Good Christians All, Rejoice

Good Christians All, Rejoice

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German-Latin Carol, 14th century
Para. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866

IN DULCI JUBILO Irregular
German Melody, 14th century

1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice, With heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice, With heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice, With heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
Now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, And he is in the man - ger now.
God hath oped the heaven - ly door, And we are bless - ed ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ is born to - day! Christ was born to - day!

CAROL

Nacio, Nacio Pastores

Soloists; Lauren Thrift, Lynnette Fraser,
Trevor Lemon-Todd, Elwyn Fraser

Spanish:

Nació, nació, pastores,
Jesús el Niño hermoso
con paso presuroso
vayámos al portal.

Mirad aquel establo,
Mirad aquellas pajas:
son estas las alhajas
de a quel que nos quiso amar.

Mirad aquellos ojos
estrellas son radiantes;
y vence los brillantes
del rostro el resplandor.

English translation:

Shepherds, He is born, He is born,
the beautiful child Jesus,
Let's go to the door with a hurried step.

Look at that stable;
look at the straw;
These are the jewels
of the one who wanted to love us.

Look at those eyes;
radiant stars;
And the brilliance
of His face overcomes the radiance.

LESSON VI

Birth of the Chosen One
Matthew 2:18-25

Karole Graham

CAROL

Sherburne

UBC Chorale

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of God came down,
and glory shone around.

"To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid.

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven to earth
begin and never cease."



LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Kim Donley

SHARING THE LIGHT

CANDLELIGHT CAROL MEDLEY



Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French Carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7 with Refrain
French Carol Melody

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?

And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the ti - dings be, Which in - spire your heaven - ly song. —

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.D. with Refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,— "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;— Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,—

With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is__ born in Beth-le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.____

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry__ to the new-born King!"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the right and left hands. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6
Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

1. O lit - tle town of Beh - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;—

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in they dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Christ Em - man - u - el!

Silent Night, Holy Night

Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848
Tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

STILLE NACHT Irregular
Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Child of God, love's pure light

Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, Heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, — Sleep — in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! — Christ, the Sav - ior is born!
Je - sus, Christ at thy birth, — Je - sus, Christ, at thy birth.

BENEDICTION

*You are invited to linger to enjoy the beauty and peace of this holy night
and to exit the Sanctuary when you are ready.*

A note from the Pastor...

*We're glad you have chosen to share Christmas Eve with us here
at University Baptist Church.*

*May your Christmas celebration be filled with beauty, joy, tenderness,
hope and health.*

May you hold your loved ones dear.

May you experience the gift of God in the wonder of this night.

May your days be filled with devotion, blessing and peace.

We hope to see you again soon.

*Have a most blessed Christmas, and remember the promise of
"Peace on Earth, Good Will to all People."*

~ The Reverend Doug Donley



The poinsettias decorating our Sanctuary this evening were given by:

- ❖ Megan Dahlberg - In memory of Bernice and Cliff Dahlberg
- ❖ Doug & Kim Donley - In memory of Roger Johnson, Ruby Rott, Mel Roy and all of the other UBC Saints, and in honor of Amanda and Becca Donley
- ❖ Trish Donley - In celebration of my family
- ❖ Chris & Don Follett - In memory of Char Follett
- ❖ Anne Johnson - In memory of Roger Johnson
- ❖ Mindy & Steve Lee - In honor of Maryon Lee & Ron Causton, in memory of Joanne Causton & Harris Lee, and in honor of Evie Jo Lee Lomax
- ❖ Jean Lubke - In memory of Kit and Bill Burch, and in memory of Neil Lubke, in honor of his grandsons Owen and Otto
- ❖ Gayla Marty - In memory of Lorraine "Lu" Marty
- ❖ Paula Moyer - In honor of Ruby & Ryker Cramer and in memory of Virginia Allen
- ❖ Denise Roy - In memory of Mel Roy, Doug Roy, Erasmus Meinerts, and Mark Juergens



UBC Chorale - David Lesniaski, Director

SOPRANO

Betsy Kerr
Karole Graham
Jean Lubke
Claire Mavity
Lauren Thrift*

ALTO

Deidre Druk
Lynnette Fraser*
Megan Gunnar Dahlberg
Denise Roy

TENOR

Trevor Lemon-Todd*
Ty Wottrich

BASS

Doug Donley
Elwyn Fraser*
Jonathan Lubke

* soloist/section leader



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David Lesniaski, Music Director
Jean Lubke, Carillon Director
Claire Eckert, Livestream Technician
Trish Donley and Chris Follett, Ushers

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.***

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.



**Please join us December 28th at 10am for carol singing.
Come with a favorite hymn, story or poem to share.
The service will livestreamed on YouTube.
Details at www.ubcmn.org**