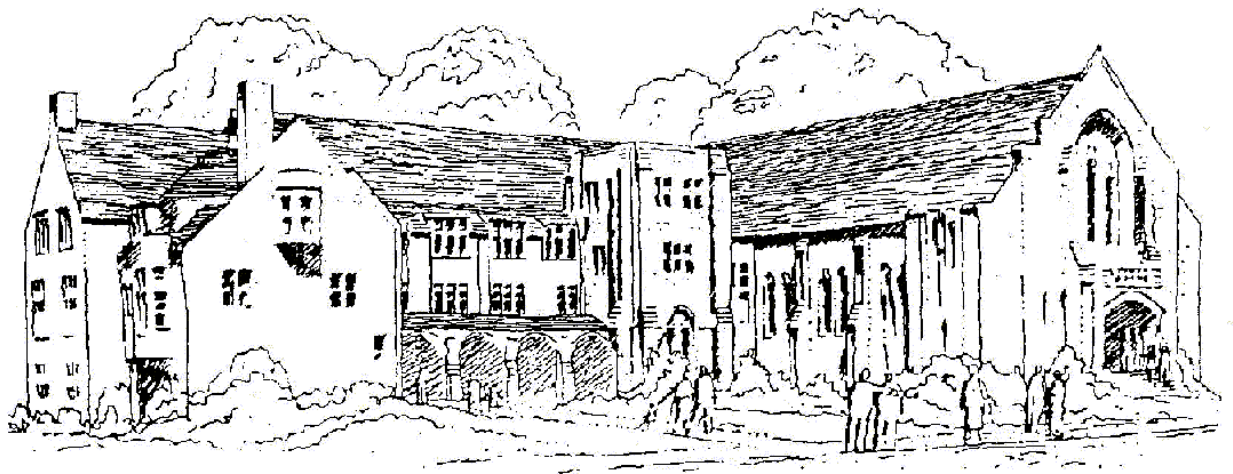


*January 5, 2025*



## 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 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

January 5, 2025

*Epiphany 1*

10:00 am

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Hail This Day, Brightest of Days*

JS Bach

### CONGREGATIONAL CALL & RESPONSE

**Welcome!**

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

**One:** Often these days we find ourselves at loose ends: confused, struggling, without clear direction or purpose.

**Many:** **Or we hide out in terror while greed and rage fight it out for control.**

**One:** We try to guide ourselves with out-of-date maps. We need some help here!

**Many:** **Solutions are there. The star. The dream. The calming voice of a friend.**

**ALL:** **Holy God, give us open hearts and minds to see Your guidance. AMEN.**

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

\*OPENING HYMN

*The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

Black Hymnal #139

Luke 2:8-20; Matt. 2:1-12

Traditional English carol; alt.

*Descant*

1 The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say,  
 2 They looked a - bove and saw a star  
 3 And by the light of that same star  
 4 This star shone bright in the north - west,  
 5 Then en - tered in those ma - gi three,

was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far,  
 three sag - es came from coun - try far;  
 o'er Beth - le - hem it seemed to rest,  
 and bend - ing low up - on their knee,

In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,  
 And to the earth it gave great light,  
 To seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 And there it did both stop and stay,  
 They of - fered there, in great rev - erence,

on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

Now - ell, now - ell, now - ell, now -

ell, born in a man - ger, Em - man - u - el.

*Though perhaps of earlier origins, this anonymous English carol first appeared in print in the nineteenth century. "Nowell" stems from the Latin novellae (news) and is used as a joyous greeting to celebrate Jesus' birth.*

Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL Irr. with refrain  
 Traditional English melody  
 Harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871  
 Descant, Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

## 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

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 líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.

## 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

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Doug Donley

### \*HYMN

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

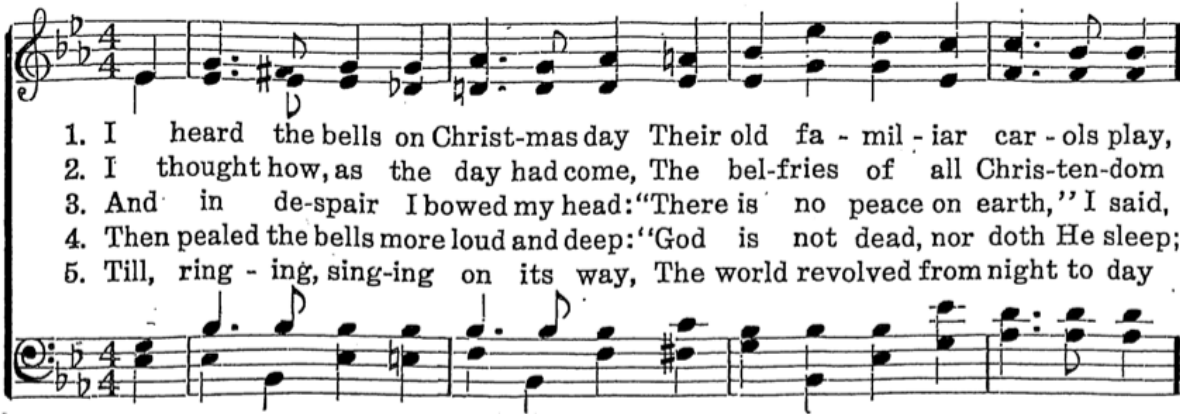
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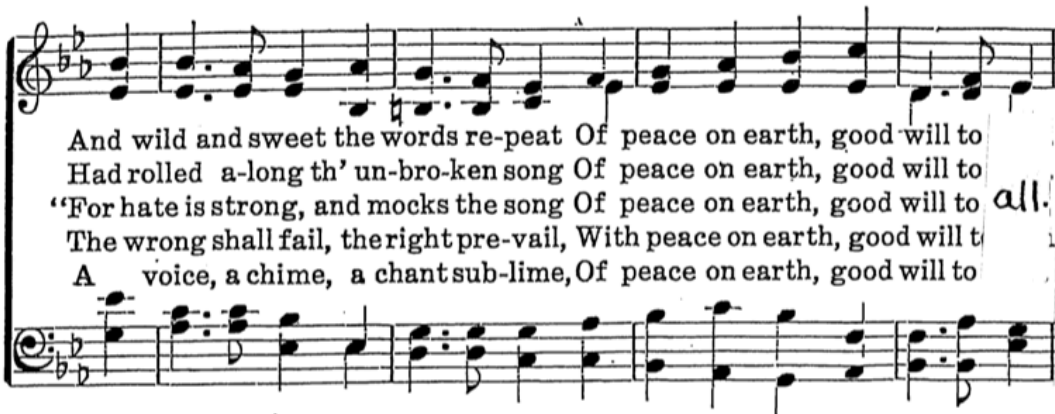
WALTHAM. L. M.

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW, 1807-1882

JOHN CALKIN, 1827-1905



1. I heard the bells on Christ-mas day Their old fa - mil - iar car - ols play,  
2. I thought how, as the day had come, The bel-fries of all Chris-ten-dom  
3. And in de-spair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,  
4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
5. Till, ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, The world revolved from night to day



And wild and sweet the words re-peat Of peace on earth, good will to  
Had rolled a-long th' un-bro-ken song Of peace on earth, good will to  
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to all.  
The wrong shall fail, the right pre-vail, With peace on earth, good will to  
A voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime, Of peace on earth, good will to

SERMON

"Handling Herod"

Rev. Doug Donley

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Far Away, What Splendor Comes This Way?*

French carol;

Anthem text:

Kings, all three, such splendid men must be,  
For each is brilliant as a golden sunrise.  
Kings, all three, such splendid men must be,  
Who on white stallions ride a King to see.  
They all obey  
Him who leads by day,  
But every night by a star they have been guided,  
They all obey  
Him who leads by day;  
His long white beard is seen from far away.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Todos son hijos, y 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)

**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**

***Prelude on Go, Tell It on the Mountain***

Arneson

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

Black Hymnal #154

***Go, Tell It on the Mountain***

## Go Tell It on the Mountain

154

African-American spiritual  
 Arr. John W. Work II, 1907

Luke 2:8-20; Isa. 18:3; 52:7

## Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hill and ev - ery - where.

## Last time, end

Go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

## to Refrain

Be - hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Buxtehude

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

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:

**Our outreach mission focus for January and February will be for ministries within the American Baptist Churches USA** that are not already receiving funds through the UBC budget. This includes Retired Ministers and Missionaries Fund and One Great Hour of Sharing as well as others. Thank you for your help to support these important national ministries.

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](http://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](http://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 205, 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 immediately following the service.

**Forum - Sanctuary party/take down the greens.** Enjoy the last of our holiday treats while we take down the tree and pack away our sanctuary decorations until next year. Once again—many hands make light work!

**Journeys, a Bible Study for adults - Resuming January 5, 2025.** 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.

January 5	SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS	Ephesians 1:3-14
January 12	PERCEPTION	Psalms 29:1-11
January 19	MIRACLES	John 2:1-11
January 26	WORSHIP	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

**Worship Planning Team** is meeting after forum today to make further plans for worship during the winter months—we might even get to planning out the spring. If you have any questions, please see Karole Graham.

## This week

**Meals on Wheels** - January 7-10 (first full Tuesday-Friday week of each month). Meals are picked up around 11:15 am 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 [marielafrance46@gmail.com](mailto:marielafrance46@gmail.com).

**Sacred Harp Singing** - Sundays (except the 1<sup>st</sup>), 4-6pm, and every Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm, at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

**Memoir Writing Group** - January 7 (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.

**UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group** - January 8 (usually the 1st Wednesday), 10am in the Parlor 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](mailto:mbsnoobear@mac.com).

**Bells and Choir Rehearsals** - Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary or lounge. Choir 6pm, Bells 7:30pm.

**Every Meal** - Friday, January 10 (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 Kim Donley, Chris Follet or Denise Roy [denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto:denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu)

**Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group** - January 11 (2nd Saturday), 1pm. The book this month is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**Wild Church Gathering** - January 11 (2nd Saturday), 2pm, at the Peace statue by Nicollet Island Pavillion. We will join together with friends from ULC 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/>

**Roots Cellar - Spencer LaJoye** Saturday, January 11 at 7pm. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at [events.humanitix.com/spencerlajoye](https://events.humanitix.com/spencerlajoye). Spencer LaJoye is a singer/songwriter from the Midwest making queer indie folk music for everyone. The 2021 Kerrville Songwriting Competition and 2024 Songwriter Serenade winner spins crystalline vocals through a loop pedal while strumming an acoustic guitar in charming, banter-heavy performances that keep audiences laughing one moment and weeping the next.

## Looking Ahead

**Despedida** – Next Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll bid a fond farewell to Felix and Dorcal. Felix, Deidre and Dorcal will be driving to Akin, South Carolina next week where Felix will serve as a pastor of a church in Akin. We'll commission them during the worship service and celebrate the six-plus months that they have been among us.

**Bible Study** - January 18, 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](mailto:DianeEhr@q.com). January 18: Luke chapter 6.

**Card Club** - Saturday, January 18, 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](mailto:jeanlubke01@gmail.com)

**UBC-FCC Knitting Group** - January 20 (3rd Mondays), 7pm at Ruth Lemire'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](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**Roots Cellar - Tim Cheesebrow** Saturday, January 25 at 7pm. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at [events.humanitix.com/timcheesebrow](https://events.humanitix.com/timcheesebrow). His music layers an eclectic mix of styles to create a sound with modern grooves, catchy melodies, and a sense of being grounded in deep roots. He's known for his percussive guitar work, capo-wizardry, and an expressive voice big enough to fill any room. Tim's lyrics are heartfelt and honest, bringing audiences with him to explore concepts of family, self-doubt, hope, grief, and the many facets of love. He looks to music as a source of healing and puts that magic to work at each performance so listeners leave with more than they expected to find.

**Loaves & Fishes** - January 31 (5<sup>th</sup> Friday). 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](mailto:steven.lee@thrivent.com) or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499.

**Caregiver Support Group** - Thursday, February 6 (1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jeanlubke01@gmail.com)

### Other Volunteer Opportunities

**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](mailto:gaylamarty@gmail.com) or 612-845-8417.