

welcome

to university baptist church

welcome to ubc

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us today.

If you are new to UBC, thank you for being our special guest. We'd love to greet you personally, so please drop by our Connection Café after worship today. For more information or if we can help you in any way, visit our website at ubc.org or call the church office at 281.488.8517 and we will be happy to assist you.

Steve Laufer, SENIOR PASTOR

how to connect

Because we value connection here at UBC, here are some quick ways to get and stay connected: ① download the UBC Houston App; ② join a small group; ③ visit the UBC web site; ④ sign up for our weekly E-news; ⑤ read your worship guide.

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December 3, 2017



Prelude Exaltation & Praise Ringer
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Call to Worship Bells, Brass, Organ & Congregation
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

A TIME OF WORSHIP

Welcome to Worship Dr. Garet Robinson

Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle
Gene & Debbie Pearce, Isaac & Laura Ozinga & family

Choral Response Choir/Congregation
Advent Song

Baptism Aaron Glenn
Chloe Grindstaff

Pastoral Prayer Rick Carpenter

Instrumental Meditation Exaltation & Praise Ringers
Of the Father's Love Begotten

Advent Carol Congregation
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #77

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Pat Garrett
1 John 3:1-3

Anthem Sanctuary Choir
I Hear the Prophet Callin'

Today's Message

"Encountering the Christ of Hope"

Dr. Steve Laufer

John 4:43-5:8 (Pew Bible Pages #753-754)

Song of Response Congregation
It Came upon the Midnight Clear #93

A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon Offertory Prayer Wally Long

Offertory Exaltation & Praise Ringers
Pat-a-pan

Announcements/Benediction Dr. Steve Laufer

Closing Song Congregation
Joy to the World!

Welcome

Dr. Garet Robinson

Baptism

Jonathan and Jacob Carlson

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

The Johnson Family

Worship In Song

He Is Faithful

At Your Name

Scripture Reading

Matt Pena

1 John 3:1-3

Thank You

Offering Prayer

Aaron Glenn

When Hope Came Down

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John 4:43-5:8

(Pew Bible Pages #753-754)

Song of Response

Mountain

Announcements & Benediction

Steve Laufer

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, please feel free to stop by the Connection Café.

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happening **now**

Praise Kids Christmas Concert—Come and enjoy the sounds of preschool angels singing and praising the newborn King as they present *Christmas ADVENTure: A Jesse Tree Journey*. ▷ *TODAY, Sun, Dec 3, 5 pm, Chapel*

IB Hamm and the Children's Christmas Telethon—A fun and fictional story with TV "Evangelists" IB and Goldie Hamm, played by Rick Carpenter and Amy Carlson. Performances of traditional and contemporary Christmas music by UBC's Children and Student choirs and handbell groups. ▷ *TODAY, Sun, Dec 3, 6 pm, Worship Center*

Pick up an Advent book today! Drop by the table in the Fellowship Hall today and pick up your free copy of *Waiting Here for You - An Advent Journey of Hope*. One per family please, while supplies last.

Right at Home Moms Spring Semester: *What's It Like to Be Married to Me? And Other Dangerous Questions* by Linda Dillow—Mothers of infants, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join RAHM's spring study and childcare. Online registration begins Monday, December 4. For more info, email janet.kuhlman@ubc.org or go to ubc.org/quicklinks. ▷ *Wednesdays, Jan 17-May 9, 9:30-11:45 am, LC 3rd Floor*

Happy Birthday Jesus Party—Preschoolers and their families are invited to a birthday party for Jesus! The hosts, Girls in Action (GAs), will provide crafts and games! Please bring a present for baby Jesus (size 4 or 5 diapers; J&J Baby Take Along Trial Pack) to be donated to the Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Center. ▷ *Wed, Dec 6, 6-7 pm, Chapel*

Bay Area Working Women's Fellowship Lunch—This month Beverly Beard speaks on "The Gift of Hospitality." Cost is \$20 per person (cash or check at the door). RSVP to Sharon Morris at 713.498.0566 or email sharoncochranmorris@gmail.com. ▷ *Thurs, Dec 7, 12-1 pm, Bay Oaks Country Club*

December Primetime Dinner—Join the senior adults and share in an evening of fellowship and entertainment with a special performance from a quartet of Victorian Christmas Carolers. Cost is \$10 each. ▷ *Thurs, Dec 7, 6:30-8:30 pm, Chapel*

Angel Tree Gift Wrap Day—All of the paper "angels" have been picked up from the Angel Tree. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts and distribute to the families. For more info, contact Jill Tatum at jtatum0101@aol.com. ▷ *Gift Wrap Day, Mon, Dec 11, 9 am-12 pm, The Hangar*

Pastor's Bible Study—The Minors: Engaging the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament will be held on Wednesday evenings in the Chapel. ▷ *Wednesdays, 6:15–7:15 pm, Chapel*

Celebrate the Light: Serving Opportunities—Sign up to help celebrate Bay Area Turning Point, The Bridge, Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Center and Anchor Point! Learn more and sign up in the Fellowship Hall for the next events scheduled for the coming weeks.

Illumination Arts—This month, we will discuss art, play games and have a fun time of fellowship! Bring your favorite piece of art you created this year to share with the group. Also, bring a package of disposable diapers to donate to The Crisis Pregnancy Center. ▷ *Tues, Dec 12, 6:30-8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall*

IS/HS Christmas Parties—Intermediate and high school students, grab a friend and join us for the best Christmas celebration you've ever experienced! Food will be served and WBS leaders will be leading groups in a scavenger hunt—winners get prizes and bragging rights. ▷ *Sun, Dec 17, 6–8 pm, Chapel (HS) & LC 3rd floor (IS)*

Vision Weekend: Register Now—Mark your calendars for the best weekend of the year. Vision, a weekend where hundreds of students (grades 6–12) meet in host homes throughout the Clear Lake community to dig into God's word, worship deeply and serve fully! Register online today at ubc.org/student-events. ▷ *Fri, Jan 12–Sun, Jan 14, 2018*

CHRISTMAS AT UBC

Sunday, December 10, Worship Center

9:30 & 11:00 am ~ Glory (UBC Choir & Orchestra in concert)

Sunday, December 17, Worship Center

9:30 am ~ Traditional worship service

11:00 am ~ Glory to the King (contemporary Christmas program) with Divisi Strings

6:15 pm ~ Service of Lessons & Carols (Chamber Singers concert)

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service, Worship Center

9:30 am ~ Traditional worship service

11 am ~ Contemporary worship service

4 pm ~ Family-friendly worship service

5:30 pm ~ Family-friendly worship service ~English & Spanish

11:00 pm ~ Candlelight service (traditional candlelight service & observance of the Lord's Supper)

current **worship series:** *Encountering Christ*

Encountering the Christ of Hope (John 4:43-5:8)—

Jesus encountered people throughout his ministry that had simply resigned themselves to lives of misery or loneliness. Hope was a commodity in short supply when you were crippled or blind. The medical world didn't provide a ton of hope when your child was dying from an unknown illness. And yet, the stories of Jesus's power and message often traveled ahead of him and brought people to him, carrying perhaps just a shred of hope! Maybe, just maybe, this Galilean of whom we have heard can really do something that nobody else can! Maybe, just maybe, he can restore health or purpose or joy to this life that is bereft of these things. And the Christ of Hope in the Gospels remains the Christ of Hope today. Maybe, just maybe, he can bring restoration, forgiveness, joy, meaning, or life back into lonely and hopeless lives still today.

How to. . . Join the UBC Family—Join us on the journey to realizing our full potential in Christ. ▷ *TODAY, Sun, Dec 3, 11 am, EB 228*

UBC recently updated its church management software to ShelbyNext. ShelbyNext provides us with an online directory that will be available to all active church members and regular attendees. For more info, go to ubc.org/ubcdirectory.

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attendance update

Last Week

WORSHIP 868

BIBLE STUDY 721

giving update

Last Week's Offering

\$75,131

Weekly Requirement

\$70,000

FY2018 Budget (Oct–Nov)

\$579,000

Actual Giving

\$557,750



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