

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.

social media

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December 17, 2017



Prelude

Divisi Strings

Welcome to Worship

Karen Murphy

A TIME OF WORSHIP

Carol of Praise

Congregation

Angels, From the Realms of Glory #94

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Charlie & Jessica Pfeiffer and family

Song of Response

Congregation

*Advent Song**Mary, What You Gonna Name That Pretty Little Baby*

Chamber Singers

Carol of Adoration

Congregation

The First Nowell #85

Pastoral Prayer

Rick Carpenter

Congregational Response

Congregation

*Emmanuel***SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture Reading

Amy McDonald

John 15:9-15

Anthem

Chamber Singers

*What Sweeter Music***Today's Message**

"Encountering the Christ of Joy"

Dr. Steve Laufer

John 2:1-12 (Pew Bible Page #751)

Song of Response

Congregation

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne #121***A TIME OF THANKSGIVING**

Deacon Offertory Prayer

David Pedersen

Offertory

Ben Sandstrom and Divisi Strings

Miraculum

Announcements/Benediction

Dr. Steve Laufer

Closing Song

Congregation

Joy to the World (2nd vs)



Please see
the insert for a
special program:

Glory to the King

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**

Glory to the King—Join us at UBC for a Contemporary Christmas service. Music will be provided by Sound of Light, UBC's contemporary worship band, led by Associate Pastor of Contemporary Worship Ben Sandstrom and Divisi Strings. ▷ *TODAY, 11 am, Worship Center*

A Service of Lessons & Carols—UBC Chamber Singers and Orchestra will be performing holiday classics as part of our annual Service of Lessons and Carols. ▷ *TONIGHT, 6:15 pm, Worship Center*

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. ▷ *TONIGHT, 6-8 pm, Chapel (HS) & LC 3rd floor (IS)*

College & Career Christmas Party—Come and connect with other young adults during the holiday season! Dinner will be provided. For more details, contact stephanie.zamora@ubc.org. ▷ *Mon, Dec 18, 6-8 pm, Kyle Wilson's house*

Important Scheduling Announcement—The church offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 (Christmas Eve observance). There will be no WBS on Sundays, December 24 or December 31, except for preschool, ages 0-3 years.

December Giving is Important—The Executive Council adjusts budget spending based on giving through the end of December. The Lord consistently supplies what we need and since we are working on a closely managed budget, ask Him what part He would have you play. Please note that gifts need to arrive or be postmarked by December 31st to be posted for 2017.

Celebrate the Light: Serving Opportunities—Thank you to all who have participated in Celebrate the Light events this season. We still have openings for people to volunteer with Bay Area Turning Point and Anchor Point. Come to the Serving Corner to sign-up or to get more information.

January Primetime Dinner—Join UBC's senior adults and share in an evening of fellowship and entertainment with a special performance by the Bobby Bowen Family Band. You can sign-up to attend through your Sunday morning groups, or by contacting Stephanie Zamora at stephanie.zamora@ubc.org. ▷ *Thurs, Jan 4, 6:30-8:30 pm, Chapel*

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Morning Services: *Sun, Dec 24, Worship Center*

9:30 am ~ Traditional worship service

11 am ~ Contemporary worship service

Family Friendly Christmas Eve Services—Bring the children and celebrate the birth of our Saviour! Worship service with familiar carols, the Christmas story and glow sticks for everybody. ▷ *Sun, Dec 24, 4 & 5:30 pm, Worship Center (5:30 Bilingual English/Spanish service)*

Traditional Christmas Eve Service—Celebrate Christmas in exaltation with our traditional candlelight service and observance of the Lord's Supper on Christmas Eve. ▷ *Sun, Dec 24, 11 pm, Worship Center*

Vision Weekend: Register Now 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 at ubc.org/student-events. ▷ *Fri, Jan 12-Sun, Jan 14, 2018*

RA Annual Pinewood Derby Race—Experience the fun as the Royal Ambassadors (RA) host their annual Pinewood Derby car races. Car kits are available, and boys and girls of all ages are invited to participate! For more info, go to ubc.org/quicklinks or email linda.goodale@ubc.org. ▷ *Sat, Jan 6, 8 am-2 pm, 3rd floor*

Primetime Bible Study—Everyone is welcome to attend the upcoming study, Grandparenting: Loving Our Children's Children. For more info, contact Gary Hegler at ghegler@sbcglobal.net. ▷ *Thursdays, starting Jan 11, EB 105*

New Apprentice Groups (small groups) will meet beginning the week of January 21, at UBC or in homes around the Clear Lake/Friendswood area. Participants will engage in healthy conversation around the topics of the book, *The Good and Beautiful Community*. To find an Apprentice Group that is just right for you, visit the sign-up tables in the Fellowship Hall before and after services on Sunday, January 7 or 14. Kingdom Care (childcare) available for some groups.

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. Register today! 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*

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

Encountering the Christ of Joy (John 2:1-12)—According to John, Jesus’s first miracle was at a party. It is not only significant that Jesus performed a miracle at the wedding feast, but also that he was even there at all. In much of our Gospel reading we focus in on Jesus’s teachings and his healings of the sick and disabled, but Jesus spent plenty of time celebrating. He shared meals with strangers and friends, traveled to Jerusalem for key religious holidays, and must have taken in the occasional community celebration as exemplified by this event in Cana. Like reading the Gospels, in much of our lives we only seek to experience the Christ of peace in our trouble, or hope in our despair. But the Christ of joy is there to be found in the best of life’s circumstances, since he is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

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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 1116	BIBLE STUDY 800
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giving update

Last Week’s Offering	\$63,788
Weekly Requirement	\$70,000
FY2018 Budget (Oct-Nov)	\$579,000
Actual Giving	\$557,750



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CONTEMPORARY CHRISTMAS SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 11 AM



Glory to the King

WELCOME

Steve Laufer



LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Mather Family

Hail The Newborn King

Joy To The World



GOD WITH US

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Hark The Herald Angels Sing / O Come Let Us Adore Him

Theme Of The Eastern Star / O Holy Night



THIS CHRISTMAS

Responsive Reading

Rick Carpenter

Hallelujah



OUR GIFTS WE BRING

Offering Prayer

Randy Cox

Miraculum



TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Encountering the Christ of Joy" – Dr. Steve Laufer

John 2:1-12 (Pew Bible Page #751)



Glory to the King

An original Christmas song by Sound of Light

Silent Night



ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

Steve Laufer

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