

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 24, 2017



Prelude Micah Duckett
O Holy Night

Welcome to Worship Dr. Garet Robinson

A TIME OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir & Congregation
O Come, All Ye Faithful #89

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle
The Styron Family

Song of Response Congregation
Advent Song

Pastoral Prayer Rick Carpenter

Carol of Praise Congregation
How Great Our Joy #108

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Pat Garrett
John 14:25-31

Anthem Sanctuary Choir
Born a Mighty King

Today's Message
"Encountering the Christ of Peace"
Dr. Steve Laufer
John 11:1-44 (Pew Bible Pages #760-761)

Song of Response Congregation
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day #98

A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer Randy Cox

Offertory UBC Ensemble
Go Light Your World

Announcements/Benediction Dr. Steve Laufer

Closing Song Congregation
Joy to the World

Altar Flowers
Placed in honor of Jim and Pat Akkerman's
fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Welcome

Dr. Garet Robinson

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

The Bautista Family

Worship In Song

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading

Nigel Zamora

John 1:1-14

What a Beautiful Name

Offering Prayer

Aaron Glenn

Forever Amen (Glory To God)

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Song of Response

Joy to the World

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**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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

9:30 am ~ Traditional worship service

11 am ~ Contemporary worship service

NOTE: There will be no WBS on Sundays, December 24 or December 31, except for preschool, ages 0–3 years.

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*

NEW YEARS EVE

Morning Services: *Sun, Dec 31, Worship Center*

9:30 am ~ Traditional worship service

11 am ~ Contemporary worship service

NOTE: There will be no WBS on Sundays, December 24 or December 31, except for preschool, ages 0–3 years.

Important Scheduling Announcement—The church offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.

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. Reservations can be made with Stephanie Zamora (stephanie.zamora@ubc.org or 281.488.8517 Ext. 337) by Tuesday, January 2. ▷ *Thurs, Jan 4, 6:30–8:30 pm, Chapel*

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*

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*

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.

Bay Area Working Women's Fellowship Dinner—This month Deborah Williams will speak on "Working Less and Having More." Cost is \$25 per person (cash, check, or credit card at the door). RSVP to Sharon Morris at 713.498.0566 or email sharoncochranmorris@gmail.com. ▷ *Thurs, Jan 11, 6:45-8 pm, Bay Oaks Country Club*

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 14-28. 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*

Women's Retreat: Save the Date!—Women of UBC are invited to renew, refresh and refill with a focus on "Wired that Way" during the Women's Spring Retreat. Cost: \$115. Registration starts Sunday, January 14. ▷ *Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas, Fri, Mar 2-Sun, Mar 4*

Mission Friends Spring Semester—Preschoolers ages 4 (as of Sept 1) and 5 will learn about local and worldwide missions through hands-on activities, Bible and mission stories. ▷ *Wednesdays, beginning Jan 17, 6-7 pm, LC 145 & 146*

Spring Semester Starting—Sunday evening classes and activities for preschool, children and students will resume on Sunday, January 21.

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

Encountering the Christ of Peace (John 11:1-44)—For all the miracles and signs Jesus had performed, bringing somebody back from the dead surely seemed like too much for most people to believe. It was one thing for Mary and Martha to state their belief that IF Jesus had been there, their brother would have survived. But it was a totally different matter for Martha to believe Jesus when he said that, after four days in the grave, he was going to bring Lazarus back! Trusting that the power of God can reach beyond our own understanding and expectations has the power to create a wonderful peace in our lives. But it requires great faith; faith to be at peace not only in times of ease, but also in times of difficulty. This Christmas, may you encounter the Christ of Peace, whose power reaches beyond our minds' ability to understand.

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 879	BIBLE STUDY 705
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giving update

Last Week's Offering	\$60,407
Weekly Requirement	\$70,000
FY2018 Budget (Oct-Nov)	\$579,000
Actual Giving	\$557,750



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