# welc5me

## our **mission**

Becoming a family of Christ followers, connecting people with God's Kingdom

## how to **connect**

✓ THE BIG THREE:

- □ Find a worship time
- □ Find a regular group
- □ Find a place to serve

Visit the Connection Café before or after services to talk to someone about becoming a covenant member.

## social media

- facebook/UBCHouston
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December 23, 2018









9:30

**TODAY IN WORSHIP** 

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Steve Johnson

Praise Ringers

Steve Johnson

## A TIME OF WORSHIP

Carol of the Bells

Hymn of Adoration Congregation The First Nowell #85

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle Julian & Janeth Clark family

Hymn of Praise Congregation Angels We Have Heard on High #100

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Dr. Garet Robinson

Song of Response

Congregation and Sanctuary Choir

Emmanuel #82

Hymn of Worship Congregation The Birthday of a King #102

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Butch Thompson Luke 2:8-15

Anthem Sanctuary Choir Love Came Down at Christmas

> **Today's Message** "A Song of Peace" Steve Laufer Luke 2:8-15 (Pew Bible Page #725)

Song of Response Congregation Go, Tell It on the Mountain #95

## A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Randv Cox

Praise Ringers I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Announcements/Benediction Dr. Steve Laufer

Closing Song

Congregation

Joy to the World

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

11:00

#### Praise Ringers

Carol of the Bells

Welcome Steve Johnson

Worship in Song O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#### Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

The Wright Family

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing O Come, Let Us Adore Him

#### Offering Prayer

Randy Cox I Will Find A Way

#### **Today's Message**

"A Song of Peace" Steve Laufer Luke 2:8-15 (Pew Bible Page #725)

#### Song of Response

Hallelujah

#### 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**

**Family Friendly Christmas Eve Services**—Bring the children and celebrate the birth of our Savior! This worship service features familiar carols, the Christmas story, and glow sticks for everybody. ▷ Mon, 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. ▷ *Mon, Dec 24, 11 pm, Worship Center* 

**Important Scheduling Announcement**—The church offices will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25. There will not be WBS on Sundays, December 23 or December 30, except for Preschool (ages 0-4 years).

**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.  $\triangleright$  Sat, Jan 5, 8 am-2 pm, Chapel

Vision Weekend—Mark your calendars for the best weekend of the year. During Vision, 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! We still need host homes. Email brittany.stalcup@ubc.org if you can host. ▷ *Fri, Jan 18-Sun, Jan 20, 2019* 

**Parent Connect Conference**—On Friday evening of Vision Weekend, speaker Wayne Slay from The Avenue Church will teach from his decades of experience ministering to parents of teens, sharing some of the many lessons he learned as a parent of three boys. The Parent Connect Conference is for all parents, regardless of the age of your kids! Cost is \$10/person or \$15/ couple (to cover cost of dinner). For more info or to register, visit ubc.org/quicklinks. ▷ *Fri, Jan 18, 7 pm, 3rd floor* 

**Celebrate the Light: Serving Opportunities**—Pick up a copy of the Celebrate the Light brochure in the Fellowship Hall and learn how you can serve this holiday season!

Year-End Giving—UBC operates our fiscal year from October to September. December contributions set the pace for the remainder of the fiscal year. As you plan your yearend offerings, please have them to UBC or post marked by December 31. You can also satisfy the requirements for your IRA's Required Minimum Distribution through your gifts to UBC. **Spring Semester Starting**—Sunday evening classes and activities for preschool, children and students will resume on Sunday, January 13.

**Right at Home Moms Spring Semester**: *The Ministry of Ordinary Places* by Shannan Martin—Mothers of infants, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join RAHM's spring study and childcare. Register today at ubc.org/quicklinks. For more info, email janet.kuhlman@ubc.org. ▷ *Mondays, Jan 14-May 6, 9:30-11:45 am, LC 3rd Floor* 

Women's Ministry—Thinking Faith is starting up again! Is the Old Testament a mystery to you? Come join us for a walk through the stories of the fathers of our faith - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph - and discover how it all applies to your everyday, walking-around life today. Think of it like a college class that includes personal application and prayer. Cost is \$35, includes textbook. Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Go to ubc.org/thinking-faith-academy to register. ▷ Wednesdays beginning Jan 16, 6-8 pm & Thursdays beginning Jan 17, 10 am-12 pm, EB 226

**Coats for Katya**, named after a Ukrainian orphan hosted by a UBC family, provides children's jackets and coats for orphanages in the Ukraine. These orphans are in great need, especially as the conflict in Ukraine has made it more difficult for their basic needs to be met. Help donate new or gently used coats and jackets! Boxes are set up throughout the church. For more info, contact Rebecca Bresnik at rebamae4@aol.com.

**Mission Friends Spring Semester**—Preschoolers ages 4 (as of Sept 1) will learn about local and worldwide missions through hands-on activities, Bible and mission stories. ▷ *Wednesdays beginning Jan 16, 6–7 pm, LC 145* 

**Women's Spring Studies**—Join the Women of UBC as they begin new group studies this spring. The deadline to register for Kingdom Care (childcare) is January 1. Contact tonya.wright@ubc.org for more info or visit ubc.org/women.

**Faith Partners**—Life can be challenging. Are you in a tough spot? Need some support and prayer? Faith Partners are individuals who are trained to walk alongside you if you need someone who will listen, pray with you and suggest resources. Please visit *The Porch* in the Fellowship Hall for more info.

## current worship series:

## A Christmas Playlist: Songs In Luke

A Song of Peace (Luke 2:8-15)—The shepherds' night likely started out peaceful: quiet, still, maybe a chill in the air. But that stillness was broken into by the unexpected and the startling. It's interesting that the pathway toward a greater, newer peace was initiated by so many startling revelations, to Mary and Joseph, to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and to those poor, frightened shepherds. Sometimes in the midst of the unexpected, we might pause to consider if this new pathway could lead to greater peace in our life. It surely did for the shepherds, as they came to understand fully what the message of the angels' song meant, that Jesus would bring peace on earth to all on whom the favor of God rests.

**Women's Retreat** (Feb 22-24) early bird registration is open! Men, this makes a great Christmas gift for the women in your life. Visit ubc.org/events-for-women to register today.

La traducción al español en vivo ya está disponible!—El servicio de las 11 en punto tiene una transmisión en vivo en español. Paquetes de audífonos están disponibles para escuchar. Solicitalo a un ujier.

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## attendance update

Last Week WORSHIP 937 BIBLE STUDY 761

# giving update

Last Week's Offering Weekly Requirement FY2019 Budget (Nov) Actual Giving \$69,445 \$71,000 \$557,000 \$498,000



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