# Welcome to UBC

Sunday, November 21, 2021





- ▼ THE BIG THREE:
- Find a worship time
- Find a regular group
- Find a place to serve



We're glad you're here! To help us connect, scan the QR code & click the link to introduce yourself.



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









social media

On social media, search for @ubchouston

#### 9:30AM TODAY IN WORSHIP

Prelude Jim Smith

Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Glorious Is Thy Name

Welcome to Worship Dr. Garet Robinson

#### A TIME OF WORSHIP

\*Hymns of Praise Congregation

Worthy of Worship

How Great Thou Art

Prayer Melissa Dutton

Choral Response Sanctuary Choir The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

\*Hymns of Faith Congregation

What a Friend We Have

Standing on the Promises

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

\*Scripture Reading Karol Peters Psalm 103:1-5

Anthem Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra *Grace* 

### Today's Message

"Don't Just Give Thanks - Be Grateful" Tom Billings

\*Song of Response Congregation

Because He Lives

### A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

Announcements Dr. Garet Robinson

\*Closing Song Congregation
When We All Get to Heaven

\*All who are able, please stand.

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#### DONATE THE GIFT OF LIFE TODAY.

anytime between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm. Take time to give a gift to the community and receive a free pullover for yourself! Even if you have not yet registered, you can still go to the UBC Chapel parking lot (west side) to donate blood.

We are thrilled to announce that we will host **POINT OF GRACE AND AARON SHUST IN CONCERT**, Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7 pm. Mark your calendars and invite your friends for a fun evening of holiday music! Doors open at 6:15 pm.

This week on the **LIVING UBC podcast**, we welcome special guest Candace Griffithe, our new Director of Women's Ministries. More info at **ubc.org/podcast**.

UBC offices will be closed on Nov. 25 and 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Angel Tree Gifts are due back TODAY! Place the unwrapped gifts in the drop-off box by the Worship Center doors.



If you'd still like to contribute to this festive ministry, volunteers are needed to help wrap all the presents that were donated. Join us in the Hangar from 9 am-12 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Celebrate "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" with the Boomers/
Primetimers on Dec. 3, from 6-8 pm. A holiday dinner will be served at 6 in the Chapel (cost \$10) followed by a concert with the Houston Boychoir in the Worship Center at 7. (Requested admission cost is a \$5 donation to the Bay Area Turning Point Christmas Store.) Pick up your tickets in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings.

#### **HERITAGE**

**CELEBRATION** is the first Sunday in December! UBC en Español invites you to gather items that are unique to your heritage such as holiday traditions, foods, and decorations to exhibit in the Pavilion on Dec. 5 at 12:30 pm. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you want to host a display table.

#### Lay leadership on mission for UBC!

New web updates are available from our Trustees and the Executive Council. Link to their dedicated pages via the "About" tab on ubc.org or via ubc.org/UBCLeaders. The new Trustee page features a direct email link to the Trustees for questions and feedback and a link to the UBC By-Laws. Next weekend, look for an expanded series on the roles and responsibilities of each lay leadership organization, how their work connects to the UBC mission, values, strategic plans and how each group partners with our pastors and ministerial staff.

#### **11AM TODAY IN WORSHIP**

#### **Welcome & Parent Dedication**

Dr. Garet Robinson & Melissa Dutton The Hewson Family

#### Worship in Song

**Furious** 

## **Scripture Reading**

Chris Mahaffey Psalm 103:1-5

Thank You

#### Prayer

Melissa Dutton

Cornerstone

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#### Song of Response

Where I'm Standing Now

#### Announcements

Dr. Garet Robinson

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

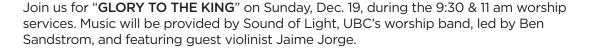
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Need a break during the holiday season? Use Faith@Home's PARENT'S NIGHT OUT (Friday, Dec. 10, from 6 to 9 pm) to attend a Christmas party, do some shopping, go on a date, or just take a breath. We will watch the kids and feed them! Pizza will be served for kids 2yrs and up. Cost \$10 child/\$30 family max. Register by Nov. 30 at ubc.org/faithathome.

Our **UBC ADVENT 2021 DEVOTIONAL GUIDE** is now available in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. Spend time together with family and friends studying, "The Gospel of Advent." UBC will have a sermon series around this topic as well. Pick up one book per household and join with us. For a PDF version, visit **ubc.org/advent**.

Celebrate Christmas in exultation with performances by the **ADULT AND STUDENT HANDBELLS** during our traditional 9:30 am service on Sunday, Dec. 5.

UBC Choir & Orchestra will be performing the traditional Christmas program "NOEL...JESUS IS BORN" on Sunday, Dec. 12, at both worship services.



KINGDOM CARE is currently looking for adult childcare workers. These are part-time positions for individuals who would like to work with preschool children. Hours are flexible and include some mornings as well as evenings. Experience is preferred, but not required. For more info, contact Nicole Gardner at nicole.gardner@ubc.org.

Looking for a place to serve behind the scenes on Sunday mornings? We have training available for running slides, video, audio, lighting, and other stage-related activities. Contact the MEDIA TEAM at michael.cowey@ubc.org or call 281-956-1841.



#### **ATTENDANCE & GIVING UPDATE**

Worship Totals
Total On-Campus: **759**Online (devices connected): **349** 

Last Week's Offering: \$55,312 Weekly Requirement: \$71,000 Budget (Oct): \$281,000

Actual: **\$268,000** 



The following are some of the highlighted opportunities through the UBC Serving Ministries Office where you can make a difference with our partners in December.

# 1st Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28 COATS FOR KATYA

"I needed clothes, and you clothed me."

### \*Donate children's coats between Nov. 28 & Dec. 30.

Give gently used or new children's coats and socks for orphans in Ukraine. Specially marked boxes will be at prominent areas of UBC beginning on Nov. 28 and running throughout December. We will ship the boxes in early January, so let's fill those specially marked boxes before Dec. 30.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Dec. 5 HOUSTON WELCOMES REFUGEES

"I was a stranger, and you invited me in." https://www.houstonwelcomesrefugees.com

# \*Donate cleaning kits between Dec. 5 & 12.

Donate individual items from this list in HWR boxes in the Fellowship Hall or donate a complete kit in a clear plastic tub. Put kits under the "Be. Serve." sign in the fellowship hall.

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### Each cleaning kit needs the following:

An iron, sponges, toilet brush, toilet cleaner, all purpose spray cleaner (2), liquid laundry detergent, light bulbs (2), tissue boxes (2), cleaning rags, dish soap (not dishwasher soap), trash bags (13 gal), paper napkins, paper towels, dustpan, broom, laundry basket (on the side – not in the tub).

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Dec. 12 THE BRIDGE

"I needed shelter, and you invited me in." https://www.tbotw.org

#### \*Donate car seats between Dec. 12 & 19.

Assist residents at The Bridge by donating NEW car seats and booster seats of all sizes. The Bridge offers support and provides safety to prevent domestic and sexual violence for mothers and children (and some fathers as well). Please leave the UNOPENED car/booster seats in their original box under the "Be. Serve." sign in the Fellowship Hall before Dec. 19.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Dec. 19 CLEAR LAKE FOOD PANTRY

"I was hungry, and you fed me." https://clearlakefoodpantry.org

# \*Donate non-perishable food between Dec. 19 & Jan. 2.

Some of the most needed items include canned vegetables, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, Chef Boyardee, mac-n-cheese, Vienna sausages, tuna pouches, and gravy packets. Please leave non-perishable foods in the boxes under the "Food Pantry" sign in the Fellowship Hall before Jan. 2.

\* Financial contributions for any of these ministries will be gladly received as well! If you are giving through UBC, please put the name of the organization in the memo section on your check or in the notes section on our giving page. (ex. "Coats for Katya," "Refugees," "The Bridge," "CLFP").

For quick links to these ministries, please visit **ubc.org/season** or scan the QR code.