

MORNING WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2020
11:00 AM



Welcome to worship! This is the focal point for our community life. The experience shapes, sustains, and sends us into the world as witnesses to God's love and justice.

Prelude

"First Religious Suite, I. Advent Prelude" - Pietro Yon
Jonathan Castillo

Welcome

Jonathan Castillo

Lighting the Advent Candles
We Light the Candle of Love
Choral Response

Emilie Smith and Amber Batson
"Candle Carol" - K. Lee Scott
UBC Choral Scholars

Invocation

Lily White

Opening Hymn

"People, Look East"
BESANCON

1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing of the year.
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed there.
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
4. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.

Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flower may flou - rish.
shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

Peo - ple, look east and sing to day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on the way.
Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Dedication of 2021 Budget

Scripture Reading

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

Amelia Fulbright

Click on the link above to read the scripture.

Children's Message

Alisa Marrow

Homily

"The Possibility of Love" - Amelia Fulbright

Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O Come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el
O come, O Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things far and nigh;
O come, O Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your ad - vent here;
O come, De - sire of Na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one heart and mind;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear.
To us the path of knowl - edge show and help us in that way to go.
Love stir with - in the womb of night, and death's own shad - ows put to flight.
Make en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Offering

UBC Youth Group

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The Joys and Concerns

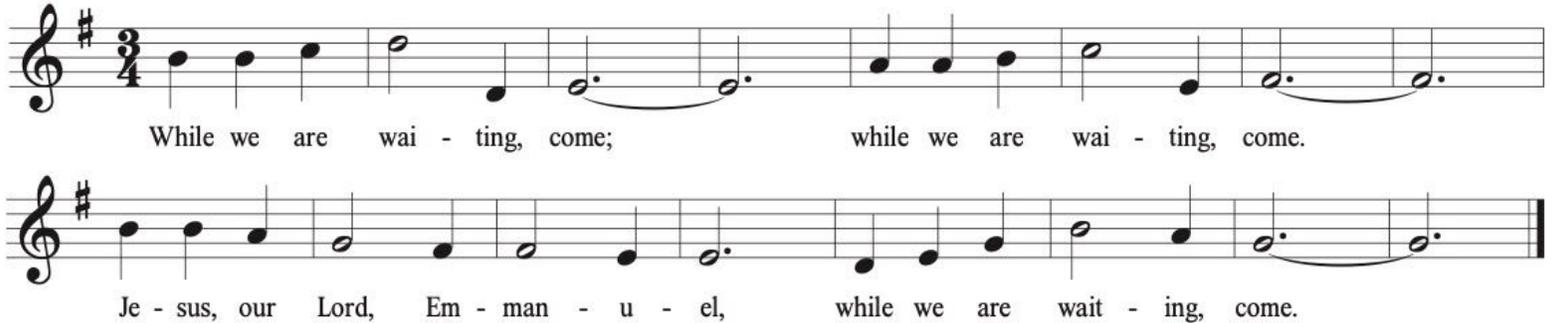
Lily White

The Prayers of the People

Song of Sending

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

WAITING



While we are wai - ting, come; while we are wai - ting, come.
Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come.

Benediction

Amelia Fulbright

Postlude

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" - Traditional
Brian Minnick and Bruno Barbosa

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Today, Sunday, December 20

Adult Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Youth Sunday School with Bill.....9:45 AM
Children's Sunday School with Kari.....10:30 AM
Worship via Live Stream.....11:00 AM
Talk back with Amelia.....12:10 PM
Micah 6 Street Youth Drop-in Center.....2:00 PM
Labyrinth Worship.....6:00 PM

Thursday

Christmas Eve Service on Zoom.....6:00 PM

Friday & Monday

Church Office will be Closed for the Holiday

Saturday

Micah 6 Food Pantry.....10:30 AM
Micah 6 Street Youth Drop-in Center.....12:30 PM

Next Sunday, December 27

First Sunday After Christmas Lessons and Carols

Join us as we worship online at 11:00 AM, with
Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Jonathan Castillo,
and Lily White.

Find us at [YouTube.com/UBCAustin](https://www.youtube.com/UBCAustin).

Children's Sunday School with Kari Taylor

Kari Taylor will be leading the Children's Sunday School class on Sunday mornings! If you have children, join Ms. Kari at 10:30 AM: <https://bit.ly/KariSS> (*link is case sensitive*). The meeting ID is 835 9326 7199.

Thanksgivings & Intercessions

Upcoming birthdays: Grace Cauble (12/20), Michael Cauble (12/20), Vivienne Zercher (12/21), Jeff Marrow (12/22), Byron White (12/23), Andrew Bethune (12/27) and Zachary Bethune (12/27).

We give thanks for Micah 6 Youth Drop-In Center, which served food to 12 hungry youth last Sunday.

We give thanks for God's Family Dinner, which served food to hungry people on Thursday.

We give thanks for the Pastoral Search Committee and the work they have done to find a pastoral candidate.

We give thanks Larry Bethune's procedure went well last week. We continue to pray for Larry & Gina as he recovers at home.

We give thanks Raul Sanchez has returned home and continue to pray for Raul, Hans Venable and David Stahl.

We pray for the family of David Rieck, Kris White's uncle, who passed away last week.

We pray for Kris White's mother, Donna Barkley, who has been suffering from extreme pain.

We pray for improved health for Katherine Parsons. We continue to pray for Debbie Webb's health as well.

Youth Sunday School with Bill Cox

Our Youth Sunday School class meets every Sunday at 9:45 AM with Bill Cox. The class will meet here: <http://bit.ly/UBCYOUTHSS> (*link is case sensitive*). The meeting number is **822 9271 5186** and the password is **966064**.

Adult Sunday School, Sundays at 9:30 AM

Each Sunday the Adult Sunday School class meets on Zoom at 9:30 AM The class will be discussing the gospel of Mark. All UBC members are encouraged to join us for fellowship and authentic conversation, rooted in compassion. Even if you don't typically go to Sunday School during non-pandemic times!

This class meets online here: <https://bit.ly/2XrePRK> (*link is case sensitive*). If you feel more comfortable, use the call-in feature by dialing 1-346-248-7799. The meeting number is **531 902 474** and the password is **2130**.

No Sunday School Next Week, Dec. 27

Next Sunday, December 27, we will not have Sunday School classes. We will see you for our 11:00 AM Lessons and Carols service at [www.YouTube.com/ubcaustin](https://www.youtube.com/ubcaustin).

Talk Back with Amelia Today After Worship

Shortly after the livestream of worship ends, you're invited to join Rev. Amelia Fulbright on Zoom to chat with her and other UBC attendees about the themes in worship that day. What inspired you? What challenged or perplexed you? What intentions will you carry forward into the week ahead? This will be a casual weekly event where we can connect and reflect together.

You can join us on the Zoom call by using this link: <http://bit.ly/UBCTalkback> (*link is case sensitive*). If you feel more comfortable, use the call-in feature by dialing 1-346-248-7799. The meeting number is **820 3332 6980** and the password is **2130**. **Please note: this meeting will be recorded*

Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24 at 6:00 PM

Join us as we anticipate the birth of Christ at our candlelight service on **Thursday, December 24, at 6:00 PM**. For this service, we will be using Zoom. Feel free to log in with your household in front of any holiday décor, but make sure to have a candle ready to light toward the end of the service.

Find us on Zoom using this link: <https://bit.ly/UBCChristmas> (the password is 122420) or watch us online at www.YouTube.com/ubcaustin. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Youth Advent Fundraiser for Katandano Primary School

During Advent, the UBC Youth invite you to make a generous donation to their fundraiser for Katandano Primary School, a rural public school in Solwezi, Zambia. Like schools in the US, Katandano is facing the challenge of continuing to educate their students while also protecting them from COVID-19. Even in pre-COVID times, Katandano functioned with minimal resources, and many of the students struggled to afford basic necessities such as uniforms and shoes. Donations to the Youth Advent Fundraiser will go to provide additional masks for the school children, cleaning and hygiene supplies, shoes and uniforms for students in need, as well as paint and other items to maintain classrooms. This is a great chance for us to follow Jesus' invitation in Matthew 25 and to redistribute wealth back to Africa, which has so often been exploited for its rich resources.

The youth will be telling us more about Katandano Primary School and their fundraiser each Sunday during Advent worship. Donations can be made online at www.ubcaustin.org/donate or by check, with the designation "Youth Fundraiser" or "Katandano".

Prayer Chain Email Reminder

Just a reminder that Yahoo groups (including our previous email prayer chain) shut down on December 15. If you would like to receive prayer emails from UBC, you must join the new Google group prayer chain.

If you have a Gmail account, you should be able search google groups for "UBC Austin prayer chain" and then request to join the group. If you do not have a Gmail account, or if you just need help joining the group, send an email to Lisa Cauble at lisa.cauble@gmail.com and ask to be added to the group.

A Message from the Pastoral Search Committee

The Pastoral Search Committee is pleased to announce that on November 18, we voted to approve a final candidate for Senior Pastor for University Baptist Church.

We believe that the Spirit has led us throughout our search process, and we are thrilled to present this exceptional pastor to the church the weekend of **January 21-24, 2021**. We had 48 applicants for this position, conducted interviews with ten candidates, listened to many sermons, talked to references, and prayed as we tried to determine whom God was leading us to call. We ultimately had second interviews with four candidates and third interviews with two candidates. After much discussion, prayer, and discernment, we are thankful we were unanimous on the final candidate.

We look forward to introducing you to our final candidate during the call weekend. We believe the candidate is highly qualified as well as aligned with the mission and culture of UBC. Because of our candidate's current position in another church, we are not yet able to share more specific information. That will be coming soon, along with the details of the call weekend and your opportunities to meet the candidate.

The Pastoral Search Committee appreciates the support and prayers of UBC during the past 16 months as we have worked toward this milestone. Thank you for your encouragement and for placing your trust in our committee.

Pastoral Search Committee: David Strickland, Co-Chair and Amber Batson, Co-Chair
Lisa Cauble, Phil Duncan, Julie Hill, Jody Joyner, Alisa Marrow, and Jonathan McBrayer

Victims of COVID-19

UBC is collecting the names of those in our membership and those close to our members who either are sick with COVID-19 or who have died from this disease. This is in addition to our usual call for prayer requests.

As we receive these names, each one will be written on a small slip of paper and placed in a vessel with other names, as a way to contain our grief and to hold space for each of these beloved children of God in the weeks ahead. We have a vase for the names of those who are sick and a basket for the names of the deceased.

Please send us the names of anyone you would like us to include, we will add them, and we will pray for them in the weeks ahead. You can email us at staff@ubcaustin.org.

Thank You for Worshipping with Us!

Thank you for sharing worship with us today. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to become a member of the University Baptist family. You have a home at UBC! University Baptist Church welcomes all persons to participate in the life of Christ's church without regard to race, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, nationality or denominational background. You may join the church by:

1. professing your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Sovereign, accepting God's gift of eternal life, and being baptized according to his example; or
2. joining as an Associate Member by transferring membership from a church of another Christian denomination; or
3. transferring your membership from another Baptist church where, for whatever reason, you can no longer serve.

Those who wish to join enter a covenant with the other church members to be the Body of Christ in this place. To do so, please complete our online check-in form found at <https://bit.ly/UBCform> or email our Designated Senior Pastor Rev. Amelia Fulbright at afulbright@ubcaustin.org. We would love to welcome you into our family of faith!