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Sunday school classes for children, youth, college and adults meet at 10:00am every Sunday. Adult class topics are located at the Sanctuary doors and front reception desk.
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Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor)
Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.
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Childcare is provided from 8:45am-12:15pm for the preschool program.

Helping Us Worship Today

- Chancel Guild**
Preparing Communion for us today are: Linda Austin, Mark Muller and Roxanne Penix.
- Chancel Flowers**
The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Rev. Bill and Mrs. Mary Lu Randall Hall**, by Stephen and Nancy Mosher.

Worship Bags for Children
Are available at the Gallery door. Check out this new way to engage our children in worship. Please return the Worship Bags after worship.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM:
Rev. Dr. Chuck Rolen, Interim Senior Minister; Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, Senior Associate Minister; Rev. Shannon Moore, Associate Minister; Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, Minister of Music; Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Associate Minister for Adults and College; Rev. Kera Watts, Associate Minister for Children; Rev. Tom Reeder, Youth Ministry Advisor; Tyler Heston, Assistant Minister for Youth; Josh Jackson, Assistant Minister for Youth; Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist; Joshua Ridenour, Organ Scholar

OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS:
Paul Turner, Democratic Republic of Congo | Elena Huegel, Mexico.

LEARN MORE ABOUT:
Our ministries at UniversityChristian.org | The Disciples of Christ, visit disciples.org



Higher Education Sunday

Today, our college students will lead us in worship and collect our Thanksgiving Offering.



Higher Education Sunday benefits Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God’s call to serve.



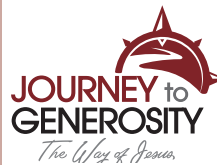
This Week

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH



THANK YOU, REV. DR. CHUCK ROLEN!
We wish you and Linda all of God's blessings.

Join us today, after both services, for a farewell reception in Walker Hall.



Journey to Generosity: UCC Stewardship 2018!
We continue our journey to Generosity campaign completion! Please prayerfully

consider responding today by turning in a pledge card or pledge online at universitychristian.org!

Thanksgiving Basket Donations

Give Thanksgiving Baskets



Help provide a meal to families living below poverty level. Donate specific food items listed on the Thanksgiving Baskets Donation form or give a monetary donation.
Save the Date: Pack Party • November 19

Students Away Care Package

Send a finals care package to a student away from home. Names and addresses available in the Gallery November 12-26.



Pickleball

Today | 4:30pm-6:30pm • Walker Hall

No experience necessary to play this net game! (A combination of ping-pong/tennis/wiffle ball).



Men's Ministry

Third Thursday Lunch • November 16
Meet us at Café Bella at **12:00pm**

Workday • Saturday, November 18 | 8:30am

Project help needed to prepare for Boar's Head.
Contact John.Andrus@wnco.com if you plan on helping.

Thanksgiving Feast

November 19 | 6:00pm-7:30pm • Walker Hall

Come together for a potluck-style Thanksgiving dinner and share a special meal with people of all ages.

Main entree provided—bring an appetizer, side, or dessert to share.



December 3, 2017 | 9:00am and 11:00am

UCC celebrates the new Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, and his family. All are invited to join us for a welcome celebration after both services in Walker Hall.



CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE

Finance Committee | Tuesday, November 14 • 5:30pm | Room 203

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Upcoming

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

For more information, details or to register for the following, visit our website, UniversityChristian.org



Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays | 10:00am
Dr. Bobby Wayne Cook has begun a comprehensive series working through Dr. Eugene Boring's Book, *An Introduction to the New Testament*.



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 26 | 5:30pm
Kick off Advent with a festive worship service and help decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays. HOTG shirts will be available for purchase (\$10) before and after the service.



Men's Ministry Breakfast

December 2 | 9:00am • Walker Hall
Guest speaker: Rev Dr. Russ Peterman
All are welcome—**sign up by November 30** in the Arches or contact Royce Vick at ravick@charter.net or 817-926-1026
Cost is \$5 donation at the door.



Home for the Holidays

December 5 | 11:30am • Walker Hall
A special meal for those transitioning from homelessness into housing—side dishes and greeters are needed. **Contact Phyllis Allen at 817-423-3719 to volunteer.**



WiLD Women Book Club

November 20 | 6:00pm • Cat City Grill
November 21 | 11:30am • Room 150
Both groups will discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.



World AIDS Day Service

December 1 | 7:30pm • Robert Carr Chapel at TCU



Disciples Class

Begins December 3 | 10:00am.
This ten-week class invites youth, grades 6-12, to explore the meaning of church membership, baptism or confirmation.



Gifts of Hope Market

December 3 | After both services
Meaningful alternative gift options.



Parents Night Out

Friday, December 8 | 6:00pm-9:00pm
Childcare while you enjoy a night out! \$5 per child, \$10 max per family. **Register online under events by December 1.**



Christmas Angels Wrap Night

December 10 | 5:00pm • Walker Hall
Help assemble or donate funds for gift bags (\$80 each) to bless children in poverty this Christmas.

Intergenerational Advent Experience

November 26-December 17 | 10:00am • Walker Hall
Join us for this faith formation opportunity to learn, serve and form relationships across generations. Designed for 4th graders and up—younger children may attend with an adult.

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THE LIGHT OF
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A Disciples of Christ Congregation



The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient worship responses. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

You can find today's scripture reading on page 28 of the New Testament and on page 537 of the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Today's anthem is a lively spiritual composed by noted choral musician Andre Thomas. Dr. Thomas is a champion of African-American spirituals and gospel music, helping this distinct genre of music to earn the recognition it deserves.

The Sermon is a message based on a scripture reading that proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ.

University Christian Church is a warm community that welcomes everyone to the table. If you proclaim Jesus as the Christ and would like to partner with us on your journey of faith, we invite you to come forward during the Hymn of Discipleship or speak to a minister after worship.

The Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***(11:00am) Hymn 274, stanzas 1, 2 & 4 | I Love Your Church, O God**

Hymn Tune: ST. THOMAS

1st-3rd Graders: During 11:00am worship, join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery and return to the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Discipleship.

Scripture | Matthew 25: 1-13

Sarah Davis

Sermon | The Parable of the Shared Light

Kelsey Cobbs

(11:00am) Anthem | When the Trumpet Sounds • Andre Thomas

Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Where shall I be when the trumpet sounds? When it sounds so loud till it wake up the dead, Tell me where shall I be when the trumpet sounds. Sinner please don't let this harvest pass. Oh in-a that judgment day the sinner will run. Where shall I be when the trumpet sounds? Tell me where shall I be in that great judgment day!

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Scripture | Psalm 78: 1-7

James Flowers

Congregational Response

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon | Living Our Story

Josh Jackson

***Hymn of Discipleship 614, stanzas 1 & 4**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Hymn Tune: I'M GONNA LIVE

***Benediction and Choral Response**

***Ring of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude | Carillon • Rene Vierende**

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Celebration of Worship

November 12, 2017 | 9:00am & 11:00am



*Living the good news of Jesus Christ
with open minds and loving hearts*



The information in these margins will help guide you through worship. If you have any questions, please ask a minister or anyone with a name tag.

Red text is read by the congregation.

Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

Gloria Patri (Latin for “Glory be to the Father”) is an ancient prayer of praise. Early Christians usually referred to God in masculine terms. You might sing “Mother” or “Creator” instead of “Father,” depending on how you think about God.

Prelude

I Do Not Want to Leave God • J. S. Bach
Joshua Ridenour, Organ Scholar

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Acolytes: (9:00am) Emma Jane Farmer and Ward Butler
(11:00am) Amelia Alsleben and Celia Miller Pitt

Welcome and Call to Worship

Houston McCullough

*Processional Hymn 699 | Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Hymn Tune: DARWALL’S 148TH

*Litany of Praise

Miranda Sullivan

One: Praise be to God for opening our minds and hearts.

All: We give thanks for your wisdom and guidance.

One: O Lord, you fill our hearts with challenges and inspiration.

All: We rejoice in living and sharing your truth!

*Gloria Patri 35: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Reverend Dr. Chuck Rolen

Call to Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Litany of Decommissioning and Farewell to Reverend Dr. Chuck Rolen

Call to Offering

Rachel Long

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(9:00am) When the Trumpet Sounds • Andre Thomas
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster
(11:00am) Toccata in d minor • J. S. Bach

*The Doxology 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Emily Emerson

Communion Hymn 414 (sing 3x) | Eat This Bread

Hymn Tune: BERTHIER

The Lord’s Supper | Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution
Bailey Cannon

Prayers over the Elements

Emily Emerson and Payton Pierce

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer • Rene Vierende

In the wake of the tragic shooting in Sutherland Springs last Sunday morning, we will toll the church bells for one minute during today’s pastoral prayer. We mourn those whose lives were lost and hold in our prayers the survivors and their families. As a community of faith, let us pray for comfort, unity, and an end to violence.

You are welcome give via text to 817-241-2780. Simply text the amount you want to give and follow the prompts. You may also give through “ShelbyNext Giving” available in your app store.

Doxology is Greek for “words of glory.” We use this ancient form of praise to thank God as the offering is brought forward with the bread and juice for the Lord’s Supper.

The Lord’s Supper (also called communion) is a celebration of Christ’s love for the world. We share this meal each week and everyone is welcome to participate. Our communion bread is free of gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, eggs, soy, nuts, and corn.

Participants

Reverend Chuck Rolen

Ken Hubbell, Board Chair

Cathy Taylor, Vice Board Chair



Decommissioning and Farewell Litany

for

Chuck Rolen, Interim Senior Minister

November 12, 2017

*Living the good news of Jesus Christ
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Leader • Ken Hubbell:

Chuck, your ministry has been a blessing to our church community. We appreciate the leadership and guidance you have given us throughout this time of transition. Your vast experience and knowledge has been a blessing throughout our faith family. Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents, and pastoring us through a challenging, important time of our congregation's history.

Leader • Cathy Taylor:

An interim Minister requires special training, skills, gifts and talents. It is an extremely important role in the life of congregations going through change and uncertainty. Chuck, you made the decision in your career to take on the task of this role as Interim Minister and dedicated your life to this special ministry. It is apparent you have done your job well at University Christian Church. Now is the difficult time when you leave the flock you have been shepherding and seek the future God is preparing. May God bless your ministry, as you have blessed this community of faith.

Congregation:

Chuck, we welcomed you with open arms as you came into our lives. You didn't know us and we didn't know you, but we needed someone to care for us as we sought a new leader for our faith community. We laughed at your jokes, cried with some of your stories, and continued to learn what it means to be a community of faith. Together, we have grown in the knowledge that we are called into action to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Thank you for the blessing you have brought into our lives. We will always remember you and pray God's blessings are showered down upon you and Linda throughout the rest of your lives.

Leader • Reverend Chuck Rolen:

It has been a privilege and honor to serve University Christian Church. I celebrate the many ways we have been faithful to serve God and Christ's Church in mission and ministry. I believe you have been prayerful, diligent, and wise in securing your next pastor. I hope and pray your shared journey together brings much joy and faithfulness to the good news of God's love. God bless, God keep, God lead in Christ.