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-  **Ministers** are on call and available after hours and on weekends for pastoral care emergencies. If you have a need, call us at **817.926.6631** and follow the prompts, email us at [pastoralcare@uccftw.com](mailto:pastoralcare@uccftw.com), or fill out the pastoral care request form that can be found at the bottom of every page on our website.
-  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.
-  Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor)  
Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.
-  Childcare is provided from 8:45am-12:15pm for children ages infant through kindergarten.

Helping Us Worship Today

**Chancel Guild**  
Preparing Communion for us today are: Lori Eagleton, Randy Eagleton, Ann Lesok, and Mandy Teichelman.

**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. 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.

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Our ministries at [UniversityChristian.org](http://UniversityChristian.org) | The Disciples of Christ, visit [disciples.org](http://disciples.org)



Advent Week One



**Intergenerational Advent Experience — Week 1**  
**Send Tidings of Comfort and Joy** | 10:00am • Walker Hall  
We will write notes, create art and sign Christmas cards to send to Global Mission Co-Workers, homebound members, and families affected by recent hurricanes and wildfires.

# This Week

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

UCC celebrates our 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.



### UCC Stewardship 2018!

We continue our Journey to Generosity campaign completion!

Every dollar matters when it comes to planning for the future! Please prayerfully consider turning in a pledge for 2018. Pledge cards can be found in the pews, at the front desk or pledge online.

### Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival and Feast

Tickets go on sale for both the festival and the feast starting tomorrow. Invite your family and friends! Help UCC promote to the community, stop by the Arches today to pick up a yard sign.



### Order Poinsettias Now!

The Holiday Season is not complete without Poinsettias, order online today under Open Registrations.



### Journey Land - December 3 Class

Will gather along with their families in Walker Hall at 10:00am for the Sr. Minister Welcome Reception. If your family is not able to attend, children are invited to gather in Room 211.

### Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, November 26 | 5:30pm**

Help us kick off Advent with a festive and new twist on an old tradition by participating in the decorating of the Sanctuary for the holiday. Childcare provided.



### Shop LuLaRoe support Week of Compassion

**November 27 and 28 | 10:00am-7:00pm**  
**Room 207**

Dresses, leggings, kid's clothes and more. Part of your purchase helps make life better for our brothers and sisters in Vietnam and Cambodia.

### Men's Ministry Breakfast

**Saturday, 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](mailto:ravick@charter.net) or 817-926-1026. Cost is \$5 donation at the door.



### Students Away Care Package

Send a finals care package to a student away from home. Today is the last day Names and addresses are available in the Gallery.

# Upcoming

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

For more information, details or to register for the following, visit our website, [UniversityChristian.org](http://UniversityChristian.org)



### 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.



### First Thursday Fellowship Holiday Special

December 7 | 11:00am • Room 207  
Join us for a time of holiday stories, fellowship, feasting and special Christmas music.  
Register by emailing [rachel.ngurukie@uccftw.com](mailto:rachel.ngurukie@uccftw.com) by December 5.



### Women's Christmas Tea

December 9 | 2:00pm  
Meet us at Montgomery Street Antique Mall Secret Garden Restaurant  
Register under open registrations and make your \$15 payment.



### Blue Christmas

December 17 | 6:30pm • Chapel of the Good Shepherd  
This special worship service brings hope and solace to anyone dealing with grief or hardship during the holiday season. Childcare Provided.



### How the Finals Stole Christmas Whoville Feast

December 11 | 5:00pm-7:00pm • Room 207  
College students are invited to enjoy a Christmas feast, sweet treats and Christmas gift from UCC.  
Volunteers needed—sign up online.



### Gifts of Hope Market

December 3 | After both services  
Meaningful alternative gift options.



### 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.



### Nametags available to order!

Order online today under Open Registrations.



### 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 economically disadvantaged children in our community.



### Of Many Colors Concert

December 11 | 7:00pm • Sanctuary  
The musical group "Of Many Colors" presents a Christmas concert featuring JT Hodges and Sheran Keyton.



### Room in the Inn Volunteers

Volunteers needed! Sign up online:  
[Resources > Open Registrations > Room in the Inn Volunteers](#)



### 2018 Mission Pilgrimage Opportunity

Spring Break Hurricane Harvey March 11-17,  
For more information contact, [Cyndy@uccftw.com](mailto:Cyndy@uccftw.com).



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 pages 540-541 of the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Spanish musician, Alberto Taulé (1932-2017), specialized in music for organ, composition and Gregorian chant. He believed that quality music and the regular introduction of new songs are both vital to a church's spiritual health.

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 125 | Come, O Long-expected Jesus**

Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL

*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 | Psalm 80: 1-7**

Lindsey Price, reader

**Congregational Response**

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**(11:00am) Anthem | All Earth Is Hopeful**

Alberto Taulé, arr. James E. Bobb

Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task; this, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set everybody free. People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell: "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel": she conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth restores hope and courage to children of this earth. Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared; new highways opened, new protocols declared. Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace! All clear every gateway, in haste, come out in haste! We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus today has come to live in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see, we see our Jesus is with us and ever sets us free.

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**Sermon | We Await the Light of Hope**

Reverend Jessica Vacketta

**\*Hymn of Discipleship 711 | O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines**

Hymn Tune: CANDLER

**\*Benediction and Choral Response**

**\*Ring of the Tower Bells**

**\*Postlude | Savior of the Nations, Come** • arr. Paul Manz

# Celebration of Worship

November 26, 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.

Our apologies to the Hulsey family for incorrectly spelling your surname in last week’s Worship bulletin. Correction: Andrew Garcia, son of Alan and Meredith Garcia. Grandparents are: Arthur and Barbara Garcia and Price and Judy Hulsey.

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come • arr. Michael Burkhardt  
Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Acolytes: (9:00am) Eric Self and Emerson Self  
(11:00am) Brooke Mills and Elizabeth Bailey

Welcome and Call to Worship

Josh Jackson

\*Processional Hymn 135 | Blessed Be the God of Israel

Hymn Tune: MERLE’S TUNE

\*Litany of Praise

One: We await the light of hope.  
All: Hope reminds us of God’s eternal presence.  
One: Our confidence is in you, O God.  
All: Let our hearts be glad and our souls rejoice in our waiting!

\*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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Advent Reading

(9:00am) Prayer Shawl Ministry  
(11:00am) Sarah Costas-Lo, Alexandra Lo, John Costas, Mary Costas

Congregational Response

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn • Christopher Aspaas

As the dark a-waits the dawn, so we a-wait your  
light. O Star of pro-mise, scat-ter night, lo-ving bright, lo-ving  
bright, till shades of fear are gone.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Reverend Kera Watts

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.

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(9:00am) All Earth Is Hopeful • Alberto Taulé, arr. James E. Bobb  
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster  
(11:00am) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel • arr. Patrick Liebergen  
Mary Farmer, mezzo-soprano

\*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

Communion Hymn 417, stanzas 1 & 3 | We Place upon Your Table, Lord

Hymn Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

The Lord’s Supper | Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers of the Elders  
Elders: (9:00am) Meg Lehman, bread and Greg Lehman, cup  
(11:00am) Bobby Hawley, bread and Diane Hawley, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines • arr. Dale Wood

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.