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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 children ages infant through kindergarten.

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 joyous celebration of Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman's first Sunday as UCC's Senior Minister by the Senior Minister Search Committee.

**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. Russ Peterman, 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; 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 Two

*Advent Daily Devotions from Partners in Prayer are available in the Arches.*

WE AWAIT  
THE LIGHT OF  
Peace



**Intergenerational Advent Experience — Week 2**  
**Welcome Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman and Gifts of Hope | 10:00am • Walker Hall**  
Join us as we continue to celebrate our Senior Minister, Russ Peterman and his family.  
Join us for treats, drinks and fellowship while shopping for gifts at Gifts of Hope, an alternative gift market. There will also be an opportunity to create your own gift.

# This Week

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Today, 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.

## Disciples Class - Information Meeting Today • 10:00am

This ten-week class invites youth, grades 6-12, to explore the meaning of church membership, baptism or confirmation.



## Red Envelope Christmas Offering

Collected during Advent, supports all ministries of University Christian Church. Your gift makes a difference!



## Gifts of Hope Market

Today • After both services in Walker Hall  
Shop for meaningful alternative gifts options that benefit charitable organizations such as Heifer International, The Children's Closet and many more.

## First Sunday College Lunch

Meet in the College Lounge following worship for lunch and Christmas decorating.

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

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



## First Thursday Fellowship Holiday Special

December 5 | 11:30am • Walker Hall

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).



## 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.

## 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.

# Upcoming

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



## Order Poinsettias Now!

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



## 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.



## 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.



## 2018 Mission Pilgrimage Opportunities

Spring Break Hurricane Harvey March 11-17, Navajo Partnership with Broadway Baptist Church June 8-16, Nicaragua July 15-22.  
For more information contact, [Cyndy@uccftw.com](mailto:Cyndy@uccftw.com).



## 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.



## 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



## Youth CYF Ski Trip Information Meeting

December 10 | 4:15-5:00pm • Room 203  
High school youth are invited to a Retreat Ski Trip to Crested Butte, Colorado December 27-31. Cost is \$500 for non-skiers, \$700 for skiers. Register online Resources > Open Registrations > Youth Ski Trip.



## CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE

Elders Meeting | Tuesday, December 5 • 6:30pm | Room 207

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A Disciples of Christ Congregation



You can find today's scripture reading on pages 667-668 of the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Today's anthem lyrics were penned by freelance writer and musician Susan Palo Cherwien. They were set to music by TCU's Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Christopher Aspaas. Stanzas of this piece will be sung following the lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday during Advent.

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.

**\*(11:00am) Hymn 122, stanzas 1 & 2 | Comfort, Comfort You My People**

Hymn Tune: GENEVA 42

*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.*

**Introduction of the Senior Minister**

Danyelle Ackall and Lee Nelson

**The Scripture in Context**

Reverend Russ Peterman

**Scripture | Isaiah 40: 1-11**

Sandi Kennedy, reader

**Congregational Response**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**(11:00am) Anthem | As the Dark Awaits the Dawn • Christopher Aspaas**

Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light. O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, till shades of fear are gone. As the blue expectant hour before the silv'ring skies, we long to see your day arise, whole and wise, O lucent Morning Star. As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease, may we your healing light release, living peace, unto your holy dawn. Shine your future on this place, enlighten ev'ry guest, that through us stream your holiness, bright and blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace. We await your light.

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**Sermon | The Light of Peace**

Reverend Russ Peterman

**\*Hymn of Discipleship 153, stanzas 1 & 4 | It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

Hymn Tune: CAROL

**\*Benediction and Choral Response**

**\*Ringing of the Tower Bells**

**\*Postlude | Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer • arr. Camil Van Hulse**

# Celebration of Worship

December 3, 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.

Sarah Beth Lo participated in the lighting of the Advent Wreath last week at the 11:00am Service. We apologize for not printing her name.

Prelude

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates • arr. Wilbur Held  
Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist

Ringin

Acolytes: (9:00am) Novyn Sek and Jack Bradford  
(11:00am) Edy Cline and Amelia Alsleben

Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Jessica Vacketta

\*Processional Hymn 129 | Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

Hymn Tune: TRURO

\*Litany of Praise

One: We await the light of peace.  
All: God has promised a new creation where righteousness will be at home.  
One: We praise the One who gives us strength.  
All: We rejoice in the One who blesses us with steadfast love!

\*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) Liza Cox, Mason Cox, Tatem Cox and Tristin Cox  
(11:00am) Thomas McCracken, Lea McCracken, Kerby McCracken, Marcy McCracken and Henley McCracken

Congregational Response

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn • Christopher Aspaas

As the moon reflects the sun un-til the night's de - crease, may we your  
heal ing light re lease, liv-ing peace, liv - ing peace, un -to your ho - ly dawn.

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Reverend Shannon Moore

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) As the Dark Awaits the Dawn • Christopher Aspaas  
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster  
(11:00am) Prepare Ye • Marc A. Robinson  
Chancel Choir Octet

\*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 136, stanzas 1 & 3 | Christians All, Your Lord is Coming

Hymn Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

The Lord's Supper | Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers of the Elders  
Elders: (9:00am) Sandra Soria, bread and Walter Echols, cup  
(11:00am) Ken Hubbell, bread and Chad Cline, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Tone Poem on "Creator of the Stars of Night" • arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

The Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
All: And also with you.

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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.

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