Information



Watch recorded sermons at www.UniversityChristian.org/resources/sermons.



Listen to sermons live on KTCU 88.7 or at www.UniversityChristian.org/resources/ radio-broadcast.



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, 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: Kyle Killion, Carol Smith and Dan Smith.

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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

Our ministries at UniversityChristian.org | The Disciples of Christ, visit disciples.org















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



Intergenerational Advent Experience—Week 3 10:00am • Walker Hall

Learn more about UCC's Christmas Angels Ministry, help with last minute preparations, and participate in a blessing of the gifts.

December 10, 2017 www.UniversityChristian.org



This Week at university christian church

We would like to thank Rev. Tom Reeder, for his help these past couple of months with our Youth Ministry! Tom's time with us on staff has come to a close as he has accepted a call to serve as the Interim Senior Minister at First Christian Church of Arlington. We wish him well as he continues this next step of his journey, and are forever grateful for his work here.





UCC Stewardship 2018!

Pledges represent an estimate of giving for 2018. We encourage

everyone to participate in the planning of our ministry together. Pledge cards can be found in the pews, online or contact the business office to renew.



Prayerfully consider this opportunity for a special Christmas gift to the ministries of University Christian Church. Red envelopes may be found in the pews. Your gift makes a difference!



Christmas Angels Wrap Night

Today | 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

"Of Many Colors" will present a

Christmas concert showcasing many
of your favorite carols. Get into the

Christmas spirit with this free concert
featuring Sheran Keyton and JT Hodges.

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.



Disciples Habitat Build Fundraiser

Today | 12:00pm-4:45pm • Raising Canes Eat at Raising Canes Chicken on University and mention Disciples of Christ, 15% of your purchase will be donated.

How the Finals Stole Christmas A Whoville Feast

December 11 | 5:00pm-7:00pm · Room 207 College students are invited to enjoy a Christmas feast, sweet treats and a Christmas gift from UCC.

Blue Christmas Worship Service

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.



CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE

Building & Grounds Committee | Today, December 10 · 12:15pm | Room 226 **Finance Committee** | Tuesday, December 12 · 5:30pm | Room 203

Upcoming at university christian church

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



We encourage you to wear your nametag to help Russ learn who you are. You can find them in the Gallery, North Annex, Tower and Triple Door.



Youth Ski Trip Information Meeting

Today | 4:15pm-5:00pm • Room 203 High school youth are invited to a Retreat Ski Trip to Crested Butte, Colorado, December 27-31.

All participants are required to attend this pre-trip meeting with a parent.



Order Poinsettias Now!

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



Alzheimers Caregiver Support Grroup

December 14 | 3:30pm-5:00pm · Room 201 A support group for caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia meet every second Thursday of each month. Dr. Charles Sanders and Leslie Dell facilitate the group.



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.



College and Young Adult Christmas Party

December 20 | 6:30pm · The Lanter's Home RSVP to Jessica@uccftw.com by Monday, December 18.



Live Streaming

We will begin live streaming our worship services starting on Christmas Eve, December 24 on our website, UniversityChristian.org/live. Spread the news!



Gifts of Hope

Today and Sunday, December 17 in The Arches after both worship services. Honor your loved ones by shopping our alternative gift market that keeps on giving to those in need.



TCU Football Parking Volunteers

We need you! Youth (6-12th graders) and parents help fundraise by parking cars in our church lots for the **December 23rd game**. Contact: vanessa.taber@uccftw.com



Room in the Inn-Volunteers Needed!

There is Room in the Inn for 10 homeless guests each Wednesday night at UCC. Help provide hospitality and hope by serving in whatever way you can. Sign up under Open Registrations.



Snack Supper-Volunteers Needed!

Snack supper volunteers provide dinner for youth, children and college students on Sunday evening. If you are interested in providing dinner for the Spring semester sign up under Open Registrations.



Youth Christmas Parties!

December 17 | 5:00pm-7:30pm

Middle School Youth • The Lanter's Home

•Please bring \$5-10 wrapped gift for a gift exchange and a side or a dessert.

High School Youth • The Nolan's Home

•Please bring gently-used wrapped gift for a gift exchange and a side or a dessert.



Give via text to 817-241-2780

Mobile Giving through "ShelbyNext Giving" available in your app store.



December 10, 2017 Advent Week 3

You can find today's scripture reading on page 57 of the NewTestament in your pew Bible.

Today's anthem
was likely one of
the last sacred
pieces written by
Russian composer,
Pavel Chesnokov.
Based on Psalm 74:12,
this austere work is
based upon a synodal
Kievan chant.

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 130, stanzas 1, 2 & 5

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Hymn Tune: MORNING SONG

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.

The Scripture in Context

Reverend Russ Peterman

Scripture | Luke 1: 39-56 Houston McCullough

Congregational Response

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(11:00am) Anthem

Salvation Is Created • Pavel Chesnokov Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Salvation is created. We praise your holy name,

O God - O Lord, our God. Alleluia.

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Sermon | The Light of Joy

Reverend Russ Peterman

*Hymn of Discipleship 119, stanzas 1, 2 & 4
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Ringing of the Tower Bells

*Postlude

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice • arr. William Wehmeyer

Celebration of Worship

December 10, 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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice • arr. William Wehmeyer Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Acolytes: (9:00am) Sarah Beth Lo and Emma Jane Farmer (11:00am) Henley McCracken and Celia Miller Pitt

Welcome and Call to Worship

Tyler Heston

*Processional Hymn 138

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Hymn Tune: REJOICE, REJOICE

*Litany of Praise

One: We await the light of joy.
All: God's spirit is upon us.

One: God sends good news to the oppressed.

All: Together we offer our joyful praise!

*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.

Baby Dedications

Reverend Russ Peterman and Reverend Kera Watts

(11:00am) Tucker Lee Becera, Son of Lindsay and Jason Becera. Grandparents are Cathey and Glenn Monroe and San Juan Becera and Liz Becera.

Elizabeth Ann Witherspoon, daughter of Ben and Lauren Witherspoon. Grandparents are James and Harriet Redwine, Brenda and Brett Witherspoon and Great-grandparent 'Nonnie' Kostohryz.

Hymn 147, stanza 3 | Away in a Manger

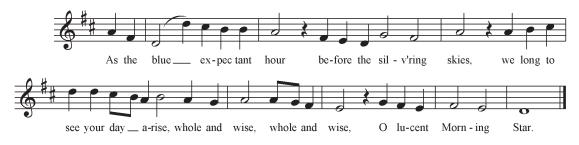
Hymn Tune: AWAY IN A MANGER

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Advent Reading

(9:00am) Zach Muckleroy, Lauren Muckleroy, Judson Muckleroy, Lindsay Muckleroy (11:00am) TCU Students

Congregational Response

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn • Christopher Aspaas



Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Reverend Cyndy Twedell

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) Salvation Is Created • Pavel Chesnokov Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

(11:00am) Ah! What Great Mystery! • arr. Daniel Burton Paul Tullis, violin

*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 14, stanzas 1 & 2
Womb of Life, and Source of Being

Hymn Tune: IN BABILONE

The Lord's Supper | Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers of the Elders

Elders: (9:00am) Steve Mosher, bread and Jeanne Duke, cup (11:00am) Cathy Taylor, bread and Urbin McKeever, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

What Is This Lovely Fragrance? • arr. Daniel Burton

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.