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: Kay Campbell, Rich Darr, and Nancy Strickland.

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







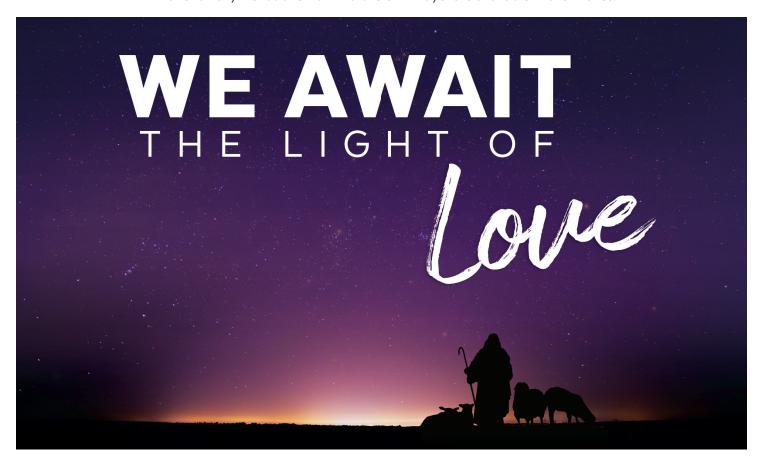








Advent Daily Devotions from Partners in Prayer are available in the Arches.



Intergenerational Advent Experience—Week 4
Shared Stories | 10:00am • Walker Hall

We will gather with members of all ages to share Christmas memories, hopes and how to live out Christ's peace on earth.

December 17, 2017 www.UniversityChristian.org



This Week at university christian church

Thank you to all who helped make Christmas Angels Wrap Night so meaningful. Over 350 students and their families know Christmas blessings because of your loving generosity. Special thanks to Kate Williams and her amazing Angels team.





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.

Red Envelope Christmas Offering

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!

Gifts of Hope

Today 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.



College and Young Adult Christmas Party

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

Christmas Special Offering

This offering will go to the Regional Ministry. They equip leaders, encourage congregations and build relationships for DoC churches within our area.

CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE

Deacon Meeting | Sunday, December 17 · 10:00am | College Lounge **Board of Stewards** | Tuesday, December 19 · 6:30pm | Room 150

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.



THE BOAR'S HEAD & YULE LOG FESTIVAL

Live Streaming

We will begin live streaming all of our worship services starting on Christmas Eve, December 24 on our website, UniversityChristian.org/live. Spread the news! The 8:00pm Christmas Eve Service will be broadcast on KTCU 88.7.

Blue Christmas Worship Service Tonight | 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.



Youth Christmas Parties

December 17 | 6:00pm-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.

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.



Order Poinsettias Now!

The Holiday Season is not complete without Poinsettias, today is the last day to order poinsettias.



Evening Latte with the Ladies

December 19 | 5:00pm-7:00pm · Modern Café Enjoy the Christmas lights and time together at the Modern Café.



2018 Mission Pilgrimage Opportunities

- · Spring Break Hurricane Harvey March 11-17
- · Navajo Partnership with Broadway Baptist Church June 8-16
- · Nicaragua July 15-22.

Contact Cyndy@uccftw.com to learn more.



Room in the Inn-Service Opportunity

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.



Executive Minister Search Committee

A committee has been formed and we are beginning our search for a new Executive Minister. If there is a qualified candidate you believe would be a good fit for UCC, please contact Carol Wilkerson at uccexecsearch@gmail.com.



JYF Mid-Winter Retreat

January 19-21 · Disciples Crossing Athens, TX Opportunity for third, fourth, and fifth graders to learn about being the light in the world, make new friends and experience all that Disciple Crossing has to offer. Register by January 10.



Men's Third Thursday Lunch

Meet us at Café Bella at 12:00pm on December 21.



Newcomers Class

Sundays January 7, 14 & 27 | 10:00am • Room 201 All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class! This is an opportunity to get to know others. learn about UCC and the Christian Church (DoC).



Young Adult Mid-Winter Weekend Retreat

December 29-31 · Disciples Crossing The theme: What's Love Got to do with It? Register online at Disciplescrossing.org by December 22. Cost is \$100 and scholarships are available.



Christmas Eve Sunday School Opportunity

December 24 | 10:00am • Room 207 Rev. Jessica Vacketta and Rev. Shannon Moore will lead a deeper exploration of the birth narrative in the Gospel of Luke.



Couples Retreat: Sharing Needs—Building Trust

February 2-3 | Marriott Solana Led by Joy Allen. Cost is \$225 per couple, which includes lodging, breakfast and lunch. Contact Jessica Vacketta at Jessica@uccftw.com for more information.



December 17, 2017 Advent Week 4

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 56 - 57 of the NewTestament in your pew Bible.

We are so pleased to welcome these instrumentalists to worship today: 1st Trumpet - Kyle Sherman 2nd Trumpet - Noah Lambert Horn in F - David Lesser Trombone - John Romero Tuba - Clay Garrett Timpani - Tim Feerst

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 Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Qui tollis peccata mundi (Gloria, mvmt. 2) • K. Lee Scott
Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.

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The Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*(11:00am) Hymn 165 | Once in Royal David's City

Hymn Tune: IRBY

(Stanza 1 by Ethan Prickett, soprano; Congregation sings stanzas 2 & 4)

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 | Luke 1: 26-38

Bea Smith, reader

Congregational Response

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Quoniam tu solus sanctus (Gloria, mvmt. 3) • K. Lee Scott

For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord. Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Sermon | The Light of Love

Reverend Russ Peterman

*Hymn of Discipleship 151, stanzas 1, 2 & 3 | The First Noel Hymn Tune: THE FIRST NOEL

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Ringing of the Tower Bells

*Postlude | Medieval Carol • arr. Robert J. Powell

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Celebration of Worship

December 17, 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

Medieval Intrada • K. Lee Scott Brass Quartet and Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Acolytes: (9:00am) Marshall Lehman (11:00am) Brooke Mills and Caroline Waldvogel

Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Kera Watts

*Processional Hymn 142 | People, Look East

Hymn Tune: BESANCON

*Litany of Praise

One: We await the light of love.

All: Come, O Jesus, come!

One: To God be the glory forever.

All: We praise and worship the God of love!

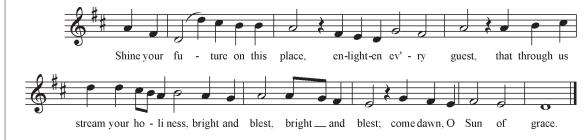
*Gloria Patri 35: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Advent Reading

(9:00am) Seekers Class: Carol Flack, David Caliga, Tina Caliga, Donna Erwin, Dave Martin(11:00am) Kimberly Miller, Matt Pitt, Celia Miller Pitt, Nina Miller Pitt

Congregational Response

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn • Christopher Aspaas



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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Reverend Jessica Vacketta

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo (Gloria, mvmt. 1) • K. Lee Scott Chancel Choir, Brass and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

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*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 124, stanzas 1 & 2 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn Tune: PICARDY

The Lord's Supper | Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers of the Elders

Elders: (9:00am) Mark Alland, bread and Mary Jane Alland, cup (11:00am) Scott Wheatley, bread and Kristie Gibson, cup

You are welcome to 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.

The text for K. Lee
Scott's festive "Gloria"
is known as the
"hymnus angelicus"
as it begins with the
angelic hymn sung
at Christ's nativity.
This ancient Latin
text has been traced
back to a 2nd-century
Greek prayer and is
considered to be a
more expansive version
of the Gloria Patri.

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.