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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 today from 9:45am-12:15pm and 4:30pm-6:15pm.

Helping Us Worship Today

Chancel Guild
Preparing Communion for us today are: Warner Fox, Stephanie Fox, 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.
**There will not be worship bags at the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service.*

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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UNIVERSITY Christian Church

Christmas Eve 2017
11:00am Worship Service



Photos from UCC's Advent Season.



NOW LIVE STREAMING • UniversityChristian.org/live

Starting today, we are now live streaming all of our worship services online. The 8:00pm Christmas Eve Service will be broadcast on KTCU 88.7.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Boar’s Head Feast

January 6 • 6:30pm | Walker Hall

Do you need a last-minute Christmas present? Experience the excitement of this year’s inaugural Boar’s Head Feast! Be entertained by the Jester, other actors and musicians that bring the excitement of the festival up close and personal! Toast the new year with family and friends and expect fun surprises along the way! *Advanced ticket purchase is required—purchase on our website.*



THE BOAR’S HEAD & YULE LOG FESTIVAL



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.

Red Envelope Christmas Offering

The Red Envelope Christmas offering, collected during Advent, supports all ministries of University Christian Church. Your gift makes a difference!



Combined Sunday School Class


Sunday December 31 | 10:00am • Room 207

The class will cover the topic of *What is this season of Christmastide?*

Newcomers Class

Sundays January 7, 14 & 21 | 10:00am • Room 201


All are welcome. This is an opportunity to get to know others, learn about UCC and the Christian Church (DoC). Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman will join us on January 7!



Poinsettias—Thank you!

Thank you to all who ordered poinsettias. If you wish to take your plant, please take it following the 11:00pm Christmas Eve service.


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



Holiday Brunch

January 7 | 10:00am • Walker Hall


Bring a breakfast dish to share and join us for an hour of food and fellowship.



JYF Mid-Winter Retreat

January 19-21 • Disciples Crossing Athens, TX


Opportunity for third through fifth graders to learn about being the light in the world, make new friends and experience all that Disciples Crossing has to offer. **Register by January 10.**



MLK Day of Service


Monday, January 15 | 8:30am

Make it a day on, not a day off! Join together with others in Tarrant County to serve. Register at tarranttogether.org.



WDS Registration


WDS registration coming January 15. Stay tuned for details.



Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Sunday January 21 | 5:00pm • Room 207

An opportunity to learn about spiritual gifts and discover where your gifts may be.



Couples Retreat: Sharing Needs—Building Trust

February 2-3 | Marriott Solana


Led by Joy Allen. Cost is \$225 per couple—includes lodging, breakfast and lunch. Register on our website under Open Registrations.



Young Adult Mid-Winter Weekend Retreat

December 29-31 • Disciples Crossing


Theme: What’s Love Got to do with It? **Register by December 26** at Disciplescrossing.org. Cost: \$100, scholarships are available.



Latte with the Ladies

Saturday, January 13 | 9:00am

Women of all ages are encouraged to join and meet us at Buon Giorno.




WiLD Women Book Club

January 15 | 6:00pm • Cat City Grill

January 16 | 11:30am • Room 150

Both groups will discuss *Home Going* by Yaa Gyasi.



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.



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.

Executive Minister Search Committee

A committee has been formed to search for and call a new Executive Minister. If you know of a qualified candidate, please contact Carol Wilkerson at uccexecsearch@gmail.com.

You can find today's scripture reading on page 58 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

California composer, Florence Jolley, celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this year. Her compositions have been widely performed and recorded by famous ensembles including the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. This piece was arranged by Lara Hoggard (1915-2007), a dear friend of University Christian Church and beloved Choirmaster Ron Shirey.

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

University Christian Church is a warm, welcoming faith community, and we are so happy you chose to worship with us today. We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and pray with hope that the New Year will bring more peace, love, and joy to our world.

The Scripture in Context
Reverend Russ Peterman

Scripture | Luke 2: 1-20
Walter Echols, reader

Congregational Response
One: The Word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Gloria in Excelsis • Florence Jolley, arr. Lara Hoggard
Chancel Choir, Miles Baker, soprano and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster
Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Now sing we Gloria in excelsis Deo!
All praise to Thee, eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood, who chose a manger for thy throne while worlds on worlds are thine alone. O Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo. A little child, thou art our guest, that weary souls may find their rest. Forlorn and lonely is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth. Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the Light—to make us in the realms divine like thine own angels 'round thee shine. Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! All this for us thy love hath done, by this to thee our love is won. For this we tune our cheerful lays and sing our thanks in ceaseless praise. Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Sermon | Do Not Be Afraid
Reverend Russ Peterman

***Hymn of Response 143 | Joy to the World**
Hymn Tune: ANTIOCH


***Benediction and Choral Response**

***Ringing of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude**
Variations and Gigue on ANTIOCH • arr. John H. Schaffner


Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2017 | 11:00am



WE WELCOME THE LIGHT OF *Christ*

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




UNIVERSITY

Christian Church

Open minds, loving hearts

A Disciples of Christ Congregation



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.

The Advent Wreath is a tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent, the time of preparation for Christmas. Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, a candle is lit and an additional candle is lit each subsequent week. The candles represent Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Today as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we light the Christ candle in the center of the Advent wreath.

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming • arr. John H. Schaffner
Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Acolytes: Ward Butler and Elizabeth Bailey

Welcome and Call to Worship

Josh Jackson

*Processional Hymn 148 | O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn Tune: ADESTE FIDELIS

*Litany of Praise

One: Your faithful have gathered, joyful and triumphant.
All: We sing and rejoice with choirs of angels!
One: We embrace God’s light of hope, peace, joy, and love.
All: Let us adore the babe of Bethlehem!

*Congregational Response | O Little Town of Bethlehem

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our God, Emmanuel.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

Bill McCoy, Stacy McCoy, Jessica McCoy, Mindy McCoy

Congregational Response | Away in a Manger

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me
forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy
tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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

Carol Rhapsody • Richard Purvis

*Congregational Response | What Child Is This

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor,
to own him, the King of kings salvation brings, let loving
hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom
shepherds guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him
laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

*Prayer of Dedication

Reverend Jessica Vacketta

Communion Hymn 146, stanzas 1 & 3 | From Heaven Above

Hymn Tune: VOM HIMMEL HOCH

The Lord’s Supper | Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers of the Elders
Elders: Bill Shelton, bread and Tim Lee, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Silent Night • arr. Diane Bish

The Peace

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

*Hymn 150 | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn Tune: MENDELSSOHN

Worship and Wonder will not meet today.

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 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.

Our parents and grandparents, LaLonn
Lehman and Libits and Charles Kendall,
by Greg, Meg, Kendall and Marshall Lehman

Paul Madeley by his family

Paul Madeley by Carol and Dean Wilkerson

Our grandsons, William Stinson Jones,
Samuel Nolan Jones, Benjamin Alan Murphy
and Nathan Frasher Murphy,
by Ann and Jay Murphy

My great-grandparents, Joy and Ken Noel,
by Maisie Yack

Mary Jane Spears by John and Pam Reeser

My grandparents, Mandy and Alan Teichelman,
by Maisie Yack

Reed, Ryan and Braden Wilkerson
by Carol and Dean Wilkerson

Jake, Lynita, Sofia and Gabriela Yarbrough
by Walton and Judy Williamson

In celebration of:

Madison, Tanner and Henry Alexander
by Cheryl and Bill Alexander

Olivia, Audra and Jenna Alland
by Mom and Dad

Jack Bradford by Allison and Paul Bradford

Janie Bradford by Allison and Paul Bradford

Our children and grandchildren
by Paula and Terry Drennan

Faithfully Fit Class by Susan and Jim Smith

Our children, Kendall and Marshall
Lehman, by Gregg and Meg Lehman

Our new Senior Minister,
Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman and his family,
by the UCC congregation and staff

Jamie Plunkett and the Youth Minister
Search Committee by Kendall Lehman

Christopher, Sadie, Libby and Michael,
our wonderful grandchildren,
by Charles and Anne Sanders

Our children, Brian, Kristian, Laura and Derek,
by Kathy and Bart Tucker

Our new grandson, Brock Brian Tucker,
by Kathy and Bart Tucker

John and Suzanne Tucker's 50th Wedding
Anniversary by Stephen and Leigh Scanlon

In appreciation of:

My mother, Billie Herring, by Karen Burge

Peggy Ivy by anonymous

Our ministers and church staff
by Carol and Dean Wilkerson

Rev. Ernie O'Donnell by The Harmony Class

Sue Ott by Brian, Lauren, Kate and Harris King

Dr. Todd Prickett, Kyla Rosenberger and
the UCC choirs for their beautiful music to
the Glory of God by Susan and John Hotard

Pam Reeser by anonymous

Our awesome siblings, Laura and
B. K. Roberts and Paige and Shay Smith,
by Bill and Stacy McCoy

Our wonderful parents, Dick and Nancy Smith
and Sue McCoy, by Bill and Stacy McCoy

Cyndy Twedell by anonymous

UCC ministers and staff
by Karen and Harry Parker

The Women in My Family by Bill McCoy



2017 Poinsettia Donors



December 24, 2017

The shape of the poinsettia's brackets and leaves resemble the Star of Bethlehem, which led the Magi to the Christ Child. The Red Color reminds us of Christ's Blood, shed for our salvation. White poinsettias remind us of Christ's purity. Green symbolizes life and hope.



In memory of:

Leona Ackers by Pepper and Jennifer Ackers and Larry Ackers

Nancy and David Alexander by Bill and Cheryl Alexander

Rosemary “Mama” Alland by Olivia, Audra and Jenna Alland

Evelyn Blankenship by Kay and Buz Campbell

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Marcia Anglen Cato by Sally and Bill Hanley

Nancy Cook by Harmony Class

Nancy Cook by Her Spirit Sisters

Melinda Cato Cross by Bill, Kelly, Abby, Trip and Kate

Melinda Cato Cross by Sally and Bill Hanley

Elsie, Bill, Art and Rod Davies and Wardene Churchill by Sheila and George Ross

Janet Dromgoole by Dr. Maggie B. Thomas, Jenn and Dennis, Brian, Drew, Beri and Meridee LeBow

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Edwards, by Pat Record

Marion and Lon Evans by The Loveless Family

Gladys V. Faris by Joanie and Jim Grimm

Our parents, Esther and Jim Fierke and Gladys and Russell Latshaw, by Linda and Jay Fierke

Robin Turner Forsyth by Bill and Debbie Monroe, Larry and Vicki Chism and Bob and Marsha Turner

Mary Lou and George A. Friedley by The Towle Family

Peggy and Ralph Glenn by Heather, Walt, Wesley, Anika Junker and Clayton, Bernadette, Rowan and Colin Glenn

Family members by Mary Graham

Beau and Jim Griffith, Esther Friedley and Bessie Dobbins by The Towle Family

Margaret and Pres Hallman by Martha and Charlie Martin

Susan Harrell by Allison, Paul, Jane and Jack Bradford

Our son, Barrett Martin Havran, by Joy Ann and Bob Havran

Muriel and Ed Havran by Joy Ann and Bob Havran

My father, Bill Herring, by Karen Burge

Mary Wright Hilburn by Ann Hilburn

Dr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Jarman and Capt. and Mrs. C. A. Jarmon, Ret. by The Robert G. Rymell Family

Freddy L. Jones by his family

Louis Jones, Jr., Charlie Milam and Mary Lou Holcombe by Mary Ruth Jones, Julie and Ben Milam, Susan and Mark Jones

Wally and Liz Lamberth by Kristen Lamberth

Nita and Warren LeMaster by Brenda Zogg

Jane and Roy Loveless by The Loveless Family

Ann Madeley, with love, from Paul Madeley and family

John M. McCoy, Jr. by Bill, Stacy, Jessica and Mindy McCoy

Betty Minyard by Stephen and Leigh Scanlon

Betty Minyard by Suzanne and John Tucker

Bill and Hilda Monroe by Bill and Debbie Monroe

Our parents, Hallie and J. Nolan Murphy, Jr. and Jo Ann and William Frasher Powell, M.D., by Ann and Jay Murphy

Jane Pollack by Margaret and Stuart McDonald, Malcolm and Sarah Jane

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Dr. Glenn and Ruth Routt by Rosalind Routt Schliske and Charles Routt

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Betty Sides by Suzanne and John Tucker

Roy J. Smith, brother of Emmet Smith, by Emmet and Judy Smith

Elizabeth and W. H. Swain by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Elizabeth Swain by Suzanne and John Tucker

Charles Towle, Jr. by The Towle Family

Bill and Patty Turner by Bill and Debbie Monroe

My parents, Joy and Martin Weaver, by Joy Ann Weaver Havran

Charles and Elizabeth Weissenborn by Cheryl and Bill Alexander

Our father and grandfather, Wayne Wetsel, by Gregg, Meg, Kendall and Marshall Lehman

Dr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Wilhelmus by The Robert Swain Family

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Rev. and Mrs. James R. Wright, Sr. by Ann Hilburn

In honor of:

Blythe Carpenter by Blake and Casey Carpenter

Grace Carpenter by Blake and Casey Carpenter

Wynn Carpenter by Blake and Casey Carpenter

John and Mary Costas by John, Sarah, Sarah Beth and Alexandra

Johnnie Drennan by her family

Our grandchildren, Anna Cate, Bode, Max and Milo, by Linda and Jay Fierke

Our parents and grandparents by Brian, Lauren, Kate and Harris King