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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
Stephanie Fox, Warner Fox
and Roxanne Penix.

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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New Years Eve 2017



Photos from UCC's Advent Season.

This Week

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH



NOW LIVE STREAMING • UniversityChristian.org/live

We are now live streaming all of our worship services online.

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.

Boar's Head Stage Build and Strike

Today | 1:00pm • Sanctuary

Calling all volunteers to help build the Boar's Head stage. Please bring work gloves and a 9/16 sockets if you have them!

Stage Strike is Monday, January 8 at 5:00pm.

Food and drink will be provided for both events.

Red Envelope Christmas Offering

Don't miss this opportunity for a special end-of-year gift to the ministries of University Christian Church. Red envelopes may be found in the pews. Your gift makes a difference! Thank you!



Combined Sunday School Class

Today | 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. Get to know others, learn about UCC and the Christian Church (DoC). Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman will join us on January 7!

Holiday Brunch

Sunday, January 7 | 10:00am • Walker Hall

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



Upcoming

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



Thank you for wearing a nametag as we learn our names and encourage a spirit of hospitality. Disposable nametags can be found on the tables in the Gallery. Order permanent nametags via the [Name Tag Orders](#) link under Open Registrations.



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.



Weekday School 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.



Latte with the Ladies

Saturday, January 13 | 9:00am

Women of all ages are encouraged to join 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 *Homegoing* 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** (\$300 per person, \$50 deposit due February 1)
- Navajo Partnership with Broadway Baptist Church **June 8-16**
- Nicaragua **July 15-22**. (\$1,750 per person, \$250 deposit due March 30)

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.



Give via text to 817-241-2780

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

Today’s anthem comes from Berlioz’s oratorio titled, *L’enfance du Christ* (The Childhood of Christ) and is based upon the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. The tender nature of the music sets the mood for this contemplative text.

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) Anthem

The Shepherds’ Farewell • Hector Berlioz
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share. Loving father, loving mother, shelter thee with tender care! Blessed Jesus, we implore thee with humble love and holy fear, in the land that lies before thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd’s lowly calling ever to thy heart be dear! Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your heav’nly treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

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Sermon | The Ordinary Resumption after the Grand Intrusion

Reverend Russ Peterman

***Hymn of Discipleship 164 | Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

Hymn Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO

***Benediction and Choral Response**

***Ringing of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude**

In Thee Is Gladness • J. S. Bach

Celebration of Worship

December 31, 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

The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away • J. S. Bach
Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Acolytes: (9:00am) Marshall Lehman
(11:00am) Beckett Hummelke

Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Kera Watts

*Processional Hymn 149 | Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn Tune: REGENT SQUARE

*Litany of Praise

One: There is good news of great joy for all!
All: Our Savior, the Messiah is born.
One: Now we have seen the saving love of God.
All: The glory of God is a light to God’s people.

*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.

Prayer for the Executive Minister Search Committee

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) The Shepherds’ Farewell • Hector Berlioz
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

(11:00am) Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year • arr. Alfred V. Fedak
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

*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 404, stanzas 1 & 2 | A Hymn of Joy We Sing

Hymn Tune: BOYLSTON

The Lord’s Supper | Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers of the Elders
Elders: (9:00am) Sandra Soria, bread and Bridget Thomas, cup
(11:00am) Kay Higgins, bread and Gilbert Davis, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising • arr. Raymond H. Haan

The Peace

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

*(11:00am) Hymn 159, stanzas 1 & 3 | There’s a Song in the Air!

Hymn Tune: CHRISTMAS 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 2: 22-40

Avis Herndon, reader

Congregational Response

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

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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.