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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.
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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**
Carol Smith, Dan Smith, Kyle Killion.
- Chancel Flowers**
The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in joyous celebration of **Jamie Plunkett's first Sunday as UCC's Associate Youth Minister** by the Youth Ministry Committee.

Worship Bags for Children
Are available at the Gallery door. Check out this 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; **Jamie Plunkett**, Associate Minister for Youth; 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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BRILLIANT AT THE BASICS
A SERMON SERIES



January 14-February 4

This Week

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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Jamie Plunkett's First Sunday • Today

We invite all to a reception celebrating our new Youth Minister, Jamie Plunkett. Meet us in Walker Hall during the Sunday school hour and in the Gallery following 11:00am worship.



BRILLIANT AT THE BASICS

A SERMON SERIES

Sunday Worship • January 14–February 4

Join us for our first of many sermon series to come. Over the next four Sundays Russ will focus on how we as individuals and as a church can be *Brilliant at the Basics* through specific and intentional actions—prayer, forgiveness, gratitude and generosity.

Youth Kick-Off (Grades 6–12)

Today | 5:00pm–7:30pm • 207

Join us as we pick back up our weekly Sunday night youth groups with a special night celebrating our new youth minister, Jamie Plunkett. Preschool Childcare available 4:45pm–7:30pm.

WiLD Women Book Club

January 15 | 6:00pm • Cat City Grill

January 16 | 11:30am • Room 150

Book: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

Pickleball

Today | 4:30pm–6:00pm • Walker Hall

No experience necessary to play this game! (A combination of ping-pong/tennis/wiffle ball).

Newcomers Class

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

All are welcome. Get to know others, learn about UCC and the Christian Church (DoC).

MLK Day of Service

Monday, January 15 | 8:30am

Make it a day on, not a day off by serving with others in Tarrant County. Register at tarranttogether.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Anniversary

UCC's Prayer Shawl Ministry celebrates its 13th year anniversary in worship today. Every January we give thanks for UCC's Prayer Shawl Ministry and the lives touched by the warmth and care of these shawls.

Upcoming

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



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



Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Sunday, January 21 | 5:00pm • Room 207
An opportunity to learn about spiritual gifts and discover what yours may be.



Reel Religion Film Festival • January 26–27

Register to attend this popular event where you can watch and discuss films of religious, cultural and philosophical significance. Register online under Events or in person in the Arches today.



Room in the Inn—Service Opportunity

Help provide hospitality and hope to ten homeless guests each Wednesday night. Sign up under Open Registrations.



Annual Homeless Count • January 25

Tarrant County Homeless Coalition will use UCC as a gathering point for the yearly homeless count; a comprehensive census which provides data about the extent and nature of homelessness. Volunteers needed. Register online under Events.



Weekday School Registration

Registration for church members begins on January 15th. Email robin.doyle@uccftw.com or call the Weekday School office at 817-926-3960. for more information.



Third Grade Bible Class

January 14–February 18 | 10:00am Third graders are invited to meet us in Room 218 to attend a 6 week series on *How to Use My Bible*, culminating in the presentation of Bibles on February 1.



Parents Night Out • February 16

Enjoy a night out from 6:00pm–9:00pm while your children enjoy a fun time at church. Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 family limit. Register online under Open Registrations by February 9.



2018 Mission Pilgrimage Opportunities

January 28 | 12:00pm • Room 207
Join us for lunch and to learn more about the Spring Break, Navajo and Nicaragua mission pilgrimages. Sign up by emailing Michelle Groom at mgroom@uccftw.com.



College Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays | 12:00pm–1:00pm
All college students are invited to this free lunch in the college lounge.



Men's Ministry Lunch

Thursday January 18 | 12:00pm • Café Bella



CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

Finance Committee | Tuesday, January 16 • 5:30pm | Room 203

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.



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A Disciples of Christ Congregation



You can find today's scripture reading on page 158 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

This morning's anthem was written by Irish rock band U2 in 1984 as a tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. The juxtaposition of this piece with the traditional spiritual, "Balm in Gilead", is powerful. As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of his death in 2018, we pray that his dream will be realized.

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

- Scripture** | Romans 8: 26-28
Lauren Harris, reader
- Congregational Response**
One: The Word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.
- (11:00am) Anthem**
MLK • U2, arr. Bob Chilcott
Chancel Choir and D'Acquistoe Hamner, tenor
Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster
- Sermon | Beyond Words**
Reverend Russ Peterman
- *Hymn of Discipleship 575, stanzas 1 & 3 | Come and Find the Quiet Center**
Hymn Tune: BEACH SPRING
- Introduction of Jamie Plunkett, Associate Minister for Youth**
Youth Minister Search Committee
Rebecca Putman, Chair
- *Benediction and Choral Response**
- *Ringing of the Tower Bells**
- *Postlude**
Toccata • Gordon Young

Celebration of Worship

January 14, 2018 | 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

Prelude in Classic Style • Gordon Young
Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Acolytes: (9:00am) Sarah Beth Lo and Hope Hatter
(11:00am) Elizabeth Bailey and Ward Butler

Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Cyndy Twedell

*Processional Hymn 173 | God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn Tune: CWM RHONDDA

*Litany of Praise

One: Sing to our God a new song.

All: Sing praises, all the earth.

One: God is doing glorious things.

All: Pour grace upon your waiting people, O God!

*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 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.

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(9:00am) MLK • U2, arr. Bob Chilcott
Chancel Choir and D’Acquistoe Hamner, tenor
Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

(11:00am) There Is a Balm in Gilead/Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Rick Hill and Marsha Hodges, vocal duet, Jim Hodges, piano

*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 390, stanzas 1 & 3 | Lord of Our Highest Love!

Hymn Tune: FRANCONIA

The Lord’s Supper | Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers of the Elders
Elders: (9:00am) Lorraine Stell, bread and Chad Cline, cup
(11:00am) Ann Bailey, bread and James Chaffin, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Let Us Break Bread Together• arr. Gordon Young

The Peace

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

*(11:00am) Hymn 570, stanzas 1 & 3 | Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hymn Tune: SWEET HOUR

11 a.m. worship, 1st-3rd graders are invited to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Discipleship.

The Scripture in Context

Reverend Russ Peterman

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.

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.