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Ministers are on call, 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, fill out the pastoral care request form found at the bottom of our website or email us at pastoralcare@uccftw.com.
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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.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM:


Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, Senior Minister; Rev. Renee Hoke, Executive Minister; Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, Minister of Nurture; Rev. Shannon Moore, Minister of Faith Formation; Rev. Jamie Plunkett, Minister of Youth & Families; Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, Minister of Music; Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Minister of Connections; Rev. Kera Watts, Minister of Children & Families; Allison Bright, Assistant Minister for Youth; William Judd, Assistant Minister for Youth; Janet Pummill, Senior Organist; Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster; Dr. Amy Stewart, Assistant Organist

AS A GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONGREGATION UCC SUPPORTS AND PRAYS FOR:

Our missionary partners: Elena Huegel, Mexico and Larry and Debbie Colvin, Ghana.

This week we pray for:  Morocco and Mission Coworker Emmanuela Locciden

AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:

 UCC joins churches across the country in faithfully caring for creation.

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

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



Photos from Back to School Bag-it Night

Open minds, loving hearts

September 16, 2018
www.UniversityChristian.org

A Disciples of Christ Congregation 

Welcome

We're glad to have you at University Christian Church. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome you with open minds and loving hearts—as God does. We're not afraid of your past experiences or your present struggles. We choose love instead of judgment, loving people where they are and giving them the space to doubt, wonder, probe and ask the hard questions.

— Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman • Senior Minister



Who We Are

Vision

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

Mission

University Christian Church is dedicated to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ through deeply spiritual worship, study, and service. Founded on the campus of Texas Christian University and shaped by our academic heritage, University Christian Church encourages a spirit of openness and freedom of thought. We are called to create a loving and caring community for all people, and work together for justice and peace in our world. Recognizing that our spiritual journeys are all different, we strive to be respectful and inclusive concerning each individual's relationship with God.

In faithful witness we commit to our Mission through:

Worship, Outreach and Social Justice, Relationships and Partnerships, Education and Spiritual Growth and The Arts



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.

Helping Us Worship Today

Chancel Guild: Kay Campbell, Rich Darr, Nancy Strickland

Chancel Flowers: The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Hennersdorf by Gary and Coni Hennersdorf.

Worship Bags for Children: Worship Bags are available at the Gallery door. Check out this way to engage our children in worship. Please return them after worship.

Featured Events

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Detailed information on programs and events can be found in our monthly UCC Journal—seen online, mailed to you or picked up from a silver stand (found near each Sanctuary entrance).

Please opt-in to continue to receive the UCC Journal by mail at this link, www.universitychristian.org/mail-journal, or by filling out a paper form. Forms and drop-off containers can be found in the Gallery, Arches and Front Desk. The opt-in period will go through the end of November.



Wednesday, September 19
6:00pm | Walker Hall

Dr. Lynn Hampton, a sociology professor at TCU, will guide our discussion as we gather,

in the spirit of welcome and inclusion. We will share concerns and listen for God's direction on the subject of racism. A boxed supper will be available and communion will be served. Child-friendly programming, mirroring the discussion, will be available to those in grades 1-5. Youth are welcome to join the main discussion in Walker Hall. Childcare for preschool thru kindergarten will be available by reservation. **Volunteers are needed for set up/clean up and to greet.** [RSVP online by today to reserve your meal and/or childcare.](#)

SEMINAR—Being A Good Steward of Our Personal Resources

Wednesday, September 26
6:30pm-8:30pm | Walker Hall



Doing just one thing differently can help improve your financial life. Find out how! Lindsey Humbert of Thrivent Financial, a Christian Education Service Provider, will lead a seminar on

how we can (1) be wise with money so that we live lives of contentment, confidence and generosity, and (2) align our financial decisions with our values. Childcare and a meal will be provided. [RSVP online by September 23, to reserve your meal\(\\$8\) and/or childcare.](#)

RECURRING EVENTS

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

Wednesday Bible Study
Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

College Lunch Bunch
Wednesdays • 12:00pm
College Lounge (RM 223)

Needlers
Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205

Yoga with Julie Vitek
Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205
Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

Faithfully Fit Forever
Mondays • 4:00pm | RM 205
Wednesdays & Fridays
11:00am | RM 205

Prom Dreams Boutique
Thursdays • 5:00pm-7:00pm
And by appointment

Pickleball
Today • 4:00pm-5:30pm

Men's Third Thursday Lunch
September 20 • 12:00pm
Café Bella



CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Stewards Meeting | Tuesday, September 18 • 6:30pm | RM 150



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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 welcome everyone to participate in sharing this meal each week. Our communion bread is free of gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, eggs, soy, nuts, and corn and we also use alcohol-free grape juice.

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 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**

(11:00am) Communion Hymn 410, stanzas 1 & 4

Now We Come Before God’s Presence
Hymn Tune: ST. PAUL’S

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Elders: (9:00am) Bob Stewart, bread & Nancy Strickland, cup
(11:00am) Kristie Gibson, bread & Brian Gibson, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn of Discipleship 354 | Seek Ye First**

Hymn Tune: SEEK YE FIRST

***Benediction and Choral Response**

***Ringing of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude**

Variations on “Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise” • Hans Uwe Hielscher
Variation 10

Celebration of Worship

September 16, 2018 | 9:00am & 11:00am

Sermon Series • September 9-September 30



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The information in these margins will guide you through worship. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter, usher or minister.

Red text is read by the congregation. Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

In our worship, any gender-specific language is meant to apply to all genders, and all references to God are intended to encompass the full character and nature of God. In the Gloria Patri, for instance, you might sing “Mother” or “Creator” instead of “Father”, depending on how you think about God.

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. It asks God to help us be generous, thankful, and humble. We say this prayer together each week at the end of the Pastoral Prayer.

Prelude

Variations on “Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise” • Hans Uwe Hielscher
Variations 1, 2, 3, and 5
Dr. Amy Stewart, Assistant Organist

Ringling of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes

(9:00am) Sarah Beth Lo
(11:00am) Grace Gibson and Sarah Beth Lo

Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Shannon Moore

*Processional Hymn 66 | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn Tune: ST. DENIO

*Litany of Praise

One: Give thanks, for God is good.
All: God's steadfast love endures forever.
One: Our Creator sustains and guides us.
All: Let us praise the Holy One with our hearts and souls.

*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.

(11:00am) Baby Dedication and Choral Response

Reverend Kera Watts and Reverend Russ Peterman

Larkin Bailey Sikes, daughter of Kirby and Matthew Sikes
Grandparents are Sharyn and David Thornton

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.

The Scripture in Context

Reverend Russ Peterman

11:00am worship, 1st-3rd graders are invited to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary following the sermon.

Scripture | Mark 1:35-39

Reader: Sarah Beth Lo

Congregational Response

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

Sermon: Finding Time for Interruptions

Reverend Russ Peterman

*The Peace

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

*Hymn of Response 586, stanzas 1 & 2 | Open My Eyes, That I May See

Hymn Tune: OPEN MY EYES

Invitation to Offering

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Love Divine • Philip W. J. Stopford
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster
Kyle Barker, tenor, and Emily Jackson, soprano

Love divine, all loves excelling. Joy of heav’n, to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter evr’y trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy host above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

You can find today’s scripture reading on page 35 of the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

The Sermon is a message based on scripture that proclaims God’s love and helps to strengthen faith within the gathered community.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient worship responses. Having received Christ’s peace, we pass it on.

This morning’s offertory is a contemporary setting of a Charles Wesley text. Philip Stopford began his musical career as a Chorister at Westminster Abbey, followed by Organ Scholar posts at Truro and Canterbury Cathedrals. Before assuming his current position at Christ Church, Bronxville, NY, he served for many years at St. Anne’s Cathedral in Belfast, Ireland.

Faithful giving supports the ministries of our church and helps us develop generosity as a spiritual practice.