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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:  Zambia and Mission Coworker Robert Breckenridge

 **AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:**
UCC joins churches across the country in faithfully caring for creation.

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Photos from First Grade Welcome

Open minds, loving hearts

September 30, 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 James H. Wood and in recognition of his 85th birthday by Maurine Wood.

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.

Special Reconciliation Offering • Sunday, September 30 & October 7

This offering funds our larger Church's (DOC) mission to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church.

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.



Free Flu Shots For Adults

Today • 10:00am-12:30pm | Arches

Free flu shots will be provided to adults. We give thanks for UCC's Faith Community Nurses and their 20 years of faithful service in promoting good health and quality of life.

Mission Worth It!

October 5-8 | Various Location

An opportunity for the whole family! All ages are invited to serve together throughout Fort Worth and learn how we can continue to support refugees and immigrant families. Serve one morning or the entire weekend. [RSVP online by Tomorrow, October 1.](#)

Silent Movie Night—Speedy

Sunday, October 7

Refreshments • 6:30pm | RM 207

Film • 7:00pm | Sanctuary

The UCC Belltower Series is pleased to bring Tom Helms, silent movie organist, back by popular demand. Tom will bring Speedy to life with exciting and humorous original music on the UCC pipe organ.

Good News, Good Brews

Wednesdays • 8:00pm | The Ginger Man

This 21+ group gathers to discuss faith, beliefs and lots more in a casual atmosphere.

Sunday School Speaker—Dr. Sid O'Bryant

Sunday, October 7 • 10:00am | RM 207

Learn how our community can take action against Alzheimer's Disease: the latest research, finding a cause, treatment and cure, and how to provide support to those suffering and care for a loved one.

First Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, October 7 • 12:00pm | Walker Hall

Adults, \$10. Grades 1-12, \$5. College students and children ages 5 and under, free. [RSVP online for meal planning and special dietary needs.](#)

Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 7 • 3:00pm | Porte-cochere

Bring your pets for this service of blessing led by Rev. Russ Peterman. There will be a memory table—bring a photograph, toy or other meaningful item to honor your pets.

RECURRING EVENTS

Rose Circle

October 2 • 10:00am | RM 150

First Thursday Fellowship

October 4 • 11:00am | RM 150

Prom Dreams Boutique

Thursdays • 5:00pm-7:00pm

Volunteers Needed

Jen Hatmaker Book Study

Sundays • 6:15pm | Darr Home

Wednesdays • 9:15am | RM 228

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

Children's Closet

Mondays & Thursdays

10:00am-12:00pm

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

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

College Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays • 12:00pm

College Lounge (RM 223)

Needlers

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205



CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Personnel Committee | Tuesday, October 2 • 5:30pm | RM 202

Adult Ministry Meeting | Tuesday, October 2 • 6:00pm | RM 312

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A Disciples of Christ Congregation



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

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 Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
(9:00am) Shout for Joy! • Dan Davison
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster
(11:00am) God Is Spirit • J. S. Bach
Andy Stewart, tenor

***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 399, stanzas 1 & 3
O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near
Hymn Tune: BELMONT

Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Bread and Cup
Elders: (9:00am) Bridget Thomas, bread & Lyn Willis, cup
(11:00am) Art Busbey, bread & Bea Smith, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
***Hymn of Discipleship 605, stanzas 1, 3 & 4**
For Each Day of Life We Thank You
Hymn Tune: CHARLESTOWN

***Benediction and Choral Response**
***Ringing of the Tower Bells**
***Postlude**
Triptych on Holy, Holy, Holy • Jeffrey N. Blersch
III. “All Thy works shall praise Thy name...”

Celebration of Worship

September 30, 2018 | 9:00am & 11:00am

Sermon Series • September 9-September 30



CRAZY BUSY

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

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

Triptych on Holy, Holy, Holy • Jeffrey N. Blersch
I. “...our song shall rise to Thee.”
II. “All the saints adore Thee...”
Janet Pummill, Senior Organist

Ringling of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes
(11:00am) Amelia Alsleben and Savannah Hardin

Welcome and Call to Worship
Reverend Jessica Vacketta

*Processional Hymn 4 | Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Hymn Tune: NICAEA

*Litany of Praise
One: With gratitude, we praise the God who guides our lives.
All: We open our lives to God’s service.
One: Come, let us celebrate God’s good news for us.
All: Let us bring our hopes and prayers to God with great joy!

*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.

Expressing Thanks for our Parish Nurses and Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Reverend Cyndy Twedell and Reverend Shannon Moore

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.

(11:00am) Anthem
Shout for Joy! • Dan Davison
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster
Shout for joy to the Lord! Shout for joy all the earth.
O burst forth with joy in jubilant song, with music.
Praise the Lord with the harp. Join with voices of singing.
O shout to the Lord with the trumpets and the blast of the horn.
Shout for joy to the Lord.

Let the sea resound and all it contains, the people in all of the world.
Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together with joy!
Shout for joy to the Lord. Shout for joy all the earth.
Let there be sound! Let there be music!
Praise the Lord with a joyful song!

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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 | Psalm 50:1-8
Reader: (9:00am) Gregg Lehman
(11:00am) Kyle Killion

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

Sermon: Everything Is Spiritual
Reverend Russ Peterman

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

*Hymn of Response 53 | Morning Has Broken
Hymn Tune: BUNESSAN

Invitation to Offering
Kyle Killion

This morning’s anthem is a setting of Psalm 98:4-8 by Dan Davison, a music educator from Puyallup, Washington. Mr. Davison also sings bass with Male Ensemble Northwest, a group of twelve choir directors for whom this piece was written.

Today’s scripture reading comes from the *Inclusive Bible* translation. A similar version can be found on page 519 in the Old Testament of 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.