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CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Board of Stewards | Tuesday, November 20 • 6:30 pm | RM 150

HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY


Chancel Guild: Kay Campbell, Rich Darr, Nancy Strickland

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:  Botswana and Mission Coworker Victoria Peagler



AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:

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

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Photos of Higher Education Sunday, CYF Fall Retreat, and Youth Activity Night

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A Disciples of Christ Congregation



Welcome TO UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We choose love—as God does—loving people where they are and giving them the space to doubt, learn, wonder and ask the hard questions.

— Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman • Senior Minister



TODAY

Thanksgiving Special Offering • This special offering supports Disciples Colleges, Universities and Seminaries and will be collected in both services

Worship Bags for Children

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

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 reception desk.

Childcare

Available for ages infant through kindergarten from 8:45am-12:15pm.

Children & Youth

Weekly Sunday programs for grades 1–12 encourage discipleship through fun and faith-centered activities. Music programs are available. Learn more by visiting our website or by picking up a UCC Journal.



10:00am | RM 201 • Whether you are a guest, returning, or a long time member, you are welcome to this 50-minute faith-growing opportunity. Topics include: Exploring UCC, Growing & Worshiping, Serving and Connecting. You can begin anytime!

RECURRING EVENTS

UCC & You

Sundays • 10:00am | RM 201

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

Yoga

Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205
Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

Needlers

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205

Faithfully Fit Forever

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

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

Children's Closet

Mondays & Thursdays • 10:00am-12:00pm

College Lunch Bunch

No Lunch Bunch November 21
Wednesdays • 12:00pm
College Lounge (RM 223)

WILD Women Book Club

November 19 • 6:00pm | Cat City Grill
November 20 • 11:30am | RM 150

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

November 20 • 7:00pm | Shirey Hall

Grab a UCC Journal—it's packed with valuable information!



Discover UCC programs, serving/volunteering opportunities and events in our monthly UCC Journal—found in the silver stands located near each Sanctuary entrance, by the Front Desk, can be read online by visiting our website, or you can opt in to have one mailed to you.

Opt in to receive or continue to receive the UCC Journal by mail: visit www.universitychristian.org/mail-journal or fill out a paper form. Form found alongside drop-off containers in the Gallery, Arches and Front Desk.

Featured Events

Register or RSVP for programs and events online at universitychristian.org, click on the Resources tab and then click on Open Registrations.



What Shall We Bring—Annual Giving Campaign 2019

We encourage everyone to participate in the planning of our future. Estimate of giving cards can be found in the pews. You can also pledge online or contact the business office.

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Thanksgiving Potluck Feast Today • 6:00pm | Walker Hall

A potluck-style Thanksgiving Dinner. Come together and share a special meal with your church family.

INFORMATION



Thanksgiving Break—No School November 19-23

CLOSED

UCC Closed—Thanksgiving November 22-23

In observance of Thanksgiving, UCC offices and buildings will be closed.

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Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival and Feast Tickets on Sale Monday, November 26

GROW

Disciples Class—Informational Meeting Sunday, November 25 • 12:00pm | RM 207

An informational session for Disciples Class prospects (6th graders) and their parents, to discuss registration, class timelines, and a Q&A session. If your youth is ready to discern Baptism or Confirmation, this is an important meeting to attend. **Contact:** jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

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Sunday, November 25 • 5:30pm

Attend this festive service where we all join in decorating our Sanctuary for Christmas. Preschool childcare provided.

SERVE



Gifts of Hope—Alternative Giving Market

Sunday, December 2 9:00am-12:30pm | Gallery

Purchase caring and creative gifts benefiting charitable organizations such as True Worth Place, Heifer International and Tarrant Area Food Bank.

Detailed information about **recurring events** can be **found in the UCC Journal**.



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. Christ is the host and invites all to share in this meal. 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 dedicated to Living the Good News of Jesus Christ with Open Minds and Loving Hearts. If you proclaim Jesus as the Christ and would like to partner with us on your journey of faith, we invite you to 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 719, stanzas 1, 3 & 4

Come, Sing a Song of Harvest

Hymn Tune: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Elders: (9:00am) Sandra Soria

(11:00am) Margaret McDonald, bread & Stuart McDonald, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn of Discipleship 717 | Let All Things Now Living**

Hymn Tune: ASH GROVE

***Benediction and Choral Response**

***Ringing of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude**

Allegro grazioso (from Concerto in D) • Giuseppe Tartini

Celebration of Worship

November 18, 2018 | 9:00am & 11:00am



*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 choral response sung following today’s baby dedications was composed by UCC member, Curt Wilson. He is Professor Emeritus of the TCU School of Music. Thank you, Curt!

Prelude

Allegro moderato (from Concerto in D) • Giuseppe Tartini
Kyle Sherman, piccolo trumpet
Janet Pummill, Senior Organist

Ringing of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes
(11:00am) Sarah Beth Lo and Adelaide Butler

Welcome and Call to Worship
Reverend Jessica Vacketta

*Processional Hymn 718 | Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Hymn Tune: ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

*Litany of Praise
One: The time of gathering is here.
All: We have come to offer our praise to God for our many blessings.
One: We open our hearts to God’s loving compassion.
All: With joy we receive the bounty of her creation and express our gratitude with songs of praise!

*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 Dedications and Choral Response
Reverend Kera Watts, Reverend Russ Peterman
Sylvie Elizabeth Rhoads, daughter of John and Kathryn Rhoads
Grandparents are John and Mary Rhoads and David and Linda Dawson
Great-Grandparents are Norman and Nancy Dawson and William and Ivy Mumford
Morgan Michael Doswell, daughter of Menard and Sarah Doswell
Grandparents are Mike and Sandy Stepp, Bill and Diana Garner and Menard and Trish Doswell

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Reverend Renee Hoke

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 | Psalm 100
Reader: Orlew Lauger

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

Sermon | The Greatest Gift
Reverend Russ Peterman

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

*Hymn of Response 715 | Now Thank We All Our God
Hymn Tune: NUN DANKET

Invitation to Offering
Linda Smith

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
Shout for Joy to the Lord • Walter L. Pelz
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever and ever;
And his faithfulness endures through all generations.

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.

You can find today’s scripture reading on page 552 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.

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

Today’s offertory is a festive anthem by Walter L. Pelz, an internationally-renowned musician who served for many years at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas. Dr. Pelz composed this setting of Psalm 100 with a middle contrasting section based upon 1 Peter 2:9.