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### CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

**Building & Grounds | Today • Noon | RM 226**

**Deacons Meeting | Today • 10:00am | College Lounge**

### HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY


**Chancel Guild:** Roxanne Penix, Stephanie Fox, Warner Fox

### 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:**  Fiji and Mission Coworker Nikotemo Sopepa



### AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:

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

### LEARN MORE ABOUT:

Our ministries at [UniversityChristian.org](http://UniversityChristian.org) | The Disciples of Christ, visit [disciples.org](http://disciples.org)



# UNIVERSITY Christian Church

*Open minds, loving hearts*



*Photos of Hanging of The Greens Service*



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# 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

### Red Envelope Christmas Offering

#### Gifts of Hope Alternative Giving Market

9:30am-12:30pm • Gallery

### 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.

### Intergenerational Advent Experience

10:00am • Walker Hall

### 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 4 week faith-growing opportunity. Topics include: Exploring UCC, Growing & Worshiping, Serving and Connecting. You can begin anytime!

## RECURRING EVENTS

### 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

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

### Room In The Inn

Wednesday Nights and Thursday Mornings  
Sign up online to serve

### Biblical Storytelling

December 2 • 10:00am | RM 313

### Alzheimer's Caregiver Support

December 6 • 3:30pm | RM 201

**Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival  
& Feast Tickets on Sale Now!**

## 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](http://www.universitychristian.org/mail-journal) or fill out a paper form. Form found alongside drop-off containers in the Gallery, Arches and Front Desk.

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# Featured Events

Register or RSVP for programs and events online at [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org), click on the Resources tab and then click on Open Registrations.

## CONNECT

### Poinsettia Orders

Taking Orders until December 16

Purchase poinsettias in memory, honor, in celebration or in appreciation of a person or event. Order online or get a order form at the Reception Desk or in the Arches.



## CONNECT

### Women's Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 8 • 2:00pm

#### Secret Garden Tea Room

The Women of UCC will gather for Christmas Tea.

[Register and make your \\$15 payment online.](#)

## CONNECT

### Intergenerational Advent Experience

Sundays, December 2-23 • 10:00am | Walker Hall

Every Sunday during Advent, all are welcome to learn, serve and experience Advent together. This faith formation opportunity is designed for 4th grade-adults, younger children are welcome to attend with an adult.

## CONNECT



### Finals Feast

Monday, December 10

5:00pm | RM 207

College students give your brain

a break, grab your most festive sweater, and join us for Finals Feast! Refuel with a traditional homemade Christmas meal, sweet treats and a gift from your UCC family. Spread some holiday cheer and invite friends—all are welcome at our table!

[Volunteers are needed to provide side dishes and clean-up after the event. Sign up online.](#)

## CONNECT



### Our Advent Gift to You:

#### Mason Jar Advent Calendar

As we “Make Room” this Advent Season, please take home a Mason Jar Advent Calendar. Calendars

will be available in the Arches throughout the remainder of Advent.

## CONNECT

### Belltower Series: Texas Boys Choir

Saturday, December 8 • 7:00pm | Sanctuary

The program will feature selections from a wide-range of styles and traditions, both sacred and secular, from the Renaissance to the present day. Kids from one to ninety-two will surely find themselves in the holiday spirit! Free admission.

## SERVE



### Wrap Night

Sunday, December 9

5:00pm | Walker Hall

All ages are welcome to join us as we assemble gift bags for children in our community. Preschool childcare available.

## CONNECT

### First Thursday Holiday Special

Thursday, December 6 • 11:00am | RM 150

Join us for Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future as we add some UCC flavor to Dickens' A Christmas Carol. We will also put a flavorful spin on some well-known carols, enjoy a delicious catered meal, and be delighted by delectable desserts. Don't be a Scrooge! RSVP by Tuesday, December 4 to [rachel.ngurukie@uccftw.com](mailto:rachel.ngurukie@uccftw.com)

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 cup 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 132, stanza 1**  
**When God Is a Child**

Hymn Tune: MOON BEAMS

**Invitation to the Table**

**The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Bread and Cup**

Elders: (9:00am) Roxanne Penix, bread & Ellen Myers, cup  
(11:00am) Doug Welch, bread & Ellen Myers, cup

**The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

**\*Hymn of Discipleship 140, stanzas 1 & 3 | Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**

Hymn Tune: SHEFFIELD

**\*Benediction and Choral Response**

**\*Ringing of the Tower Bells**

**\*Postlude**

*In Dulci Jubilo* • J. S. Bach

# Celebration of Worship

December 2, 2018 | 9:00am & 11:00am

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*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.

Prelude

Come, Savior of the Gentiles • J. S. Bach  
Janet Pummill, Senior Organist

Ringing of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes

(9:00am) Halle Stallings and Ella Stallings  
(11:00am) Sarah Beth Lo and Savannah Hardin

Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Jessica Vacketta

\*Processional Hymn 119 | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

\*Litany of Praise

One: We praise the God who fulfills promises:  
All: Praise to our God of justice!  
One: We sing with hope to the Righteous One:  
All: Rejoice! Give thanks and sing!

\*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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(9:00am) Room In The Inn Volunteers - John Andrus, Peggy Carr,  
Leslie Dell, Carol Flack, Bea Smith & Bob Stewart  
(11:00am) Zemkoski Family - Beth, Alex, Dodie & Alfie

Congregational Response 128, stanza 1 | One Candle Is Lit

Hymn Tune: CRADLE SONG

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Reverend Jamie Plunkett

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 | Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: Mike Herring

Congregational Response

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

Sermon | Making Room for the Birth of Hope: Taking Risks

Reverend Russ Peterman

\*The Peace

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

\*Hymn of Response 139, stanzas 1, 2 & 3 | All Earth Is Waiting

Hymn Tune: TAULE

Invitation to Offering

Kim McAdams Baker

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Prepare, Make Room • Schwarz/Barrett  
Chancel Choir and Drew Ruiz, percussion  
Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster  
Make room in-a your heart. Make room for the coming of the Light.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
See now a star is rising in the night. See now the golden promise in the sky. Rejoice, give thanks, your redemption draweth nigh.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, come and set your people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Come set us free!

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 739 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.

This morning’s offertory is characterized by its joyful spirit and jazz-inspired approach to UCC’s Advent theme. Composer Victoria Schwarz is Director of Music at Berkeley United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. The anthem’s middle section features the early American hymn tune RESTORATION, originally published in William Walker’s “Southern Harmony” in 1835.