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CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Personnel Committee | Monday, December 10 • 5:30pm | RM 202
Finance Committee | Tuesday, December 11 • 5:30pm | RM 203



Photos of Youth Game Night and Gifts of Hope


HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

Chancel Guild: Kyle Killion, Carol Smith, Dan Smith
Web Host: Rev. Jamie Plunkett, **Sound:** Rich Darr, **Video:** Jack Stewart

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:  Israel/Palestine



AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:

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

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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 • Arches

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

Help prepare for Christmas Angels Wrap Night.

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

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

Faithfully Fit Forever

Mondays • 4:00pm | RM 205

Wednesdays & Fridays

11:00am | RM 205

Yoga

Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205

Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

Children's Closet

Mondays & Thursdays • 10:00am–12:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

College Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays • Noon | College Lounge (RM 223)

Room In The Inn

Wednesday Nights and Thursday Mornings

Sign up online to serve

Needlers

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205

Men's Third Thursday Lunch

Thursday, December 20 • Noon | Café Bella

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.

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A Disciples of Christ Congregation



Featured Events

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

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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.



SERVE



Wrap Night

Today 5:00pm

Walker Hall

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

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Christmas Parties

Sunday, December 16

JYF: 5:00pm–6:15pm | RM 211

Chi-Rho: 6:15pm–7:45pm
at the Home of Lehman Family

CYF: 6:30pm–8:00pm
at the Home of O' Neil Family

Young Adult: Wednesday,
December 19 • 6:30pm at the Lanter Home



GROW

World Premiere of “Gloria”

December 16 • Sunday Worship

Join us next Sunday for these exciting events! Hear the choir, with professional brass quintet, organ, percussion and timpani perform “Gloria”. Hear host composer, Michael John Trotta, speak at 10:00am in Shirey Hall on the subject, “The Anatomy of Creativity: From Inspiration to Publication”.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Longest Night Worship Service

Friday, December 21 • 6:30pm | Walker Hall

Not everyone is feeling cheerful during the Holidays. On this longest night of the year we will share together in God's light and love. Labyrinth opens at 6:00pm.

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 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.

Today’s Postlude was written in the early 1600s by the Netherlands composer and organist, J. P. Sweelinck. It will ring familiar for many in the congregation as it was one of the organ solos from the Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival prior to the revision of the score in 2014.

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 136, stanzas 1 & 3

Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming
Hymn Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Elders: (9:00am) Judy Clinkscales
(11:00am) Eldon Irving

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

O Day of Peace • C. Hubert Parry
Creator of the Stars at Night • arr. Robert Lau

***Hymn of Discipleship 677 | Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Hymn Tune: WORLD PEACE

***Benediction and Choral Response**

***Ringing of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude**

Toccata in A Minor • Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Celebration of Worship

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

SECOND 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

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People • arr. Robert Lau
Janet Pummill, Senior Organist

Ringling of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes

(9:00am) Julia Waldvogel
(11:00am) Elizabeth Bailey

Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Cyndy Twedell

*Processional Hymn 135 | Blessed Be the God of Israel

Hymn Tune: MERLE’S TUNE

*Litany of Praise

One: The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall someday come.
All: This justice shall be for all of creation.
One: Peace shall be established in all the world.
All: Blessed be our God who does such wondrous things!

*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

Meadow Mary Ford, daughter of Brady and Abigail Ford
Grandparents are Elaine and Duane Lucca and Lana Hoover
and Rick Ford
Great-Grandparents are Glenda and Wendall Hoover and Bobby Ford

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(9:00am) Don & Gerry Houk
(11:00am) College Students: Bainbridge Allen, Lauren Henry,
Sarah Jones and Hannah Emerson

Congregational Response 128, stanza 2 | One Candle Is Lit

Hymn Tune: CRADLE SONG

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 | Luke 3:1-6

Reader: (9:00am) Lyn Willis
(11:00am) Roy Gover

Congregational Response

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

Sermon | Making Room for the Birth of Peace: Doing Less

Reverend Russ Peterman

*The Peace

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

*Hymn of Response 122, stanzas 1 & 2 | Comfort, Comfort You My People

Hymn Tune: GENEVA 42

Invitation to Offering

Kate Williams and Candria Morgan

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Advent Canticle • Mark Shepperd
Chancel Choir and Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster
Come, Lord Jesus, come to set us free.
Born to set your people free, to set us free.
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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 60 of the New 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 anthem is a setting of the Latin hymn, VENI EMMANUEL, by Lutheran composer Mark Shepperd. The text is based upon Matthew 1:23 and is a metrical paraphrase of a series of plainchant antiphons attached to the Magnificat (song of Mary).