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CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

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

HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

Chancel Guild: Kay Campbell, Rich Darr, Nancy Strickland

Web Host: Rev. Jessica Vacketta, **Sound:** Mike Coffey, **Video:** Jack Stewart, **Radio Announcer:** Troy Tuomey

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:  Ghana and Mission Coworker Larry and Deborah Colvin



AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

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



UNIVERSITY Christian Church

Open minds, loving hearts



Photos of Women's Christmas Tea, Christmas Angels Wrap Night and Texas Boys Choir



Thank you to all who helped make Christmas Angels Wrap Night so meaningful. Over 400 students and their families know Christmas blessings because of your loving generosity. Special thanks to Kate Williams and her amazing Angels team.



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December 16, 2018

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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

Red Envelope Christmas Offering

Gifts of Hope Alternative Giving Market

9:30am-12:30pm • Arches

Disciples Christmas Offering

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

Refugee Services of Texas—an interactive conversation about the refugee journey.

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!

Purchase by visiting universitychristian.org or call 817-926-6631, ext. 139.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

Children's Closet

Mondays & Thursdays • 10:00am-12:00pm

Faithfully Fit Forever

Mondays • 4:00pm | RM 205

Wednesdays & Fridays

11:00am | RM 205

Yoga—Last Class is December 17

Classes will resume January 3

Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205

Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

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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LIVE STREAMING all worship services on our website and Facebook page.

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

Last Day to Order!

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.



GROW

Welcome Michael John Trotta

Today • Sunday Worship

Hear the premiere performances in both of today's services and listen to "Gloria" composer speak at 10:00am in Shirey Hall.



GROW

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Noon: Special music, Christmas hymns and communion.

5:00pm: Family-friendly worship with carols sung by our children's choir, handbells ringing and a living nativity scene.

8:00pm & 11:00pm: Traditional worship, includes Christmas hymns, candlelight, and music by the Chancel Choir, handbells, harp and violin (including 30-minute preludes beginning at 7:30pm and 10:30pm).

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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.

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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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Christmas Parties

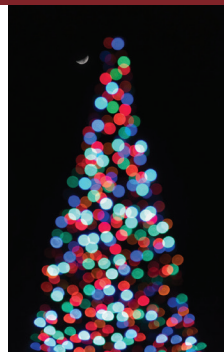
Today

JYF: 5:00pm-7:00pm | 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



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43rd Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival

January 5 & 6 • 3:00pm and 5:00pm | Sanctuary

Ring in the New Year with spectacular pageantry, beautiful music and stunning costumes. Limited tickets for sale and plenty of free seats available.

2nd Annual Boar's Head Feast

January 5 • 6:30pm | Walker Hall

The revelry of the performance will continue in Walker Hall—a delicious catered meal and hearty merriment to be enjoyed by all. Reservations are required.

Purchase tickets by visiting universitychristian.org or call 817-926-6631, ext. 139.



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



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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 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.

Invitation to Offering

Judy Clinkscales

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Greensleeves • arr. Todd Marchand

*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 124, stanzas 1 & 2

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn Tune: PICARDY

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Elders: (9:00am) Leslie Dell, bread & John Andrus, cup
(11:00am) Linda Bennett, bread & John Andrus, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn of Discipleship 151, stanzas 1 & 2 | The First Noel

Hymn Tune: THE FIRST NOEL

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Ringing of the Tower Bells

*Postlude

Gloria • Daniel Pinkham

Guest Instrumentalists in Today’s Worship:

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| Aaron Montoya, trumpet | Jon Hinton, tuba |
| Cordelia DeDecker, trumpet | Drew Ruiz, percussion |
| Reese Farnell, horn | John Gaal, percussion |
| Jared Lantzy, trombone | Jeff Hodge, timpani |

Celebration of Worship

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

THIRD 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.

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

Sleepers Wake, A Voice Is Calling (BWV 645) • J. S. Bach
Janet Pummill, Senior Organist

Ringling of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes
(11:00am) Amelia Alsleben and James Stoner

Welcome and Call to Worship
Reverend Renee Hoke

*Processional Hymn 129 | *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*
Hymn Tune: TRURO

*Litany of Praise
One: With great joy, we receive God’s love and share it with others.
All: Our God has done great things for us!
One: We open our hearts to all God’s children.
All: Praise be to God who encourages us to be people of joy in our world!

*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) Brandon Cline, Tish Duncan, Edy Cline and Vivian Cline
(11:00am) Gail & Van Bollen

Congregational Response 128, stanza 3 | *One Candle Is Lit*
Hymn Tune: CRADLE SONG

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Allison Bright

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.

Advent Choral Offering

Gloria • Michael John Trotta
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

1. Gloria in excelsis
Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory.

2. Domine Deus
Amy Prickett, soprano
Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.

3. Quoniam tu solus sanctus
For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord. Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Scripture | Philippians 4:4-13
Reader: Barbara Tucker

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

Sermon | Making Room for the Birth of Joy: Giving More
Reverend Russ Peterman

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

*Hymn of Response 125 | *Come, O Long-expected Jesus*
Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL

The Chancel Choir is pleased to present the world premiere of “Gloria” by Michael John Trotta. This three-movement setting uses a tapestry of sonorous harmonies that are triumphant, reflective and energetic to express one of the oldest texts in the Christian tradition. This brand new work was made possible by the support of a consortium of nine choirs across the U.S. in which UCC participated. We are also pleased to welcome the composer, Mr. Trotta, to our worship services this morning!

You can find today’s scripture reading on pages 198-199 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.