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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](mailto:pastoralcare@uccftw.com).

### CLOSED

#### UCC Closed—New Year’s Day

**Monday, January 1**

In observance of New Year’s Day, UCC offices and buildings will be closed.

Room in the Inn will be held as scheduled on January 1.

#### HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

**Chancel Guild:** Lori Eagleton, Randy Eagleton, Ann Lesok, Mandy Teichelman


**Web Host:** Rev. Jessica Vacketta, **Sound:** Jack Stewart, **Video:** Rich Darr, **Radio Announcer:** Diane Cooper

#### 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:**  Kenya and Mission Coworker Phyllis Byrd



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



# UNIVERSITY Christian Church

*Open minds, loving hearts*



Photos of Advent at UCC

*The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Jennifer Alland and Matthew DeGrasse on December 29.*



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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

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### 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 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](http://universitychristian.org) or call 817-926-6631, ext. 139.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Will resume January 20

### Children's Closet

Closed until January 10

### Faithfully Fit Forever

Will resume January 7

### Yoga—Classes will resume January 3

### Wednesday Bible Study

Will resume January 9

### Room In The Inn

Wednesday Nights and Thursday Mornings

Sign up online to serve

### Needlers

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205

### Latte With The Ladies

Saturday, January 12 • 9:00am

Leaves Book & Tea Shop

### WiLD Women Book Club

Monday, January 14 • 6:00pm | Cat City Grill

Tuesday, January 15 • 11:30am | RM 150

## 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

#### Women's Ministry Gift Exchange

Friday, January 11 • 6:00pm

Exchange the gifts you received but just aren't you! Wrap and bring it along with an appetizer to share. RSVP to [mgroom@uccftw.com](mailto:mgroom@uccftw.com)

### GROW

#### Simple Worship

Sundays in January • 9:30am-9:50am

Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Twenty minutes long, this come-as-you-are service (and really—come as you are!) is your opportunity to worship in a casual, relaxed style. January will serve as our “soft launch” of this service. If you're interested, come, and we'll explore how this service will function together.

### GROW

#### Knitting Our Prayers for the New Year

Sunday, January 13 • 8:30am-12:30pm | Gallery

Come by the Gallery to learn more about the Prayer Shawl Ministry from those who create the shawls that become a tangible form of God's love to those who receive them.

### SERVE

#### MLK Day of Service

Monday, January 21

Join us to make it a day on, not a day off as we celebrate and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. People of all ages and walks of life come together across Tarrant County to serve at more than 30 sites. [Register online at tarranttogether.org](http://tarranttogether.org).

### CONNECT

#### 43rd Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival

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

Limited reserved tickets for sale and plenty of free seats available. Stop by the Arches today to pick up a yard sign.

#### 2nd Annual Boar's Head Feast

January 5 • 6:30pm | Walker Hall

[Purchase tickets on our website](#) or call 817-926-6631, ext. 139.

### GROW

#### EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE: Theological and Musical Implications for Church Music

Saturday, January 12 • 10:30am-2:00pm

Bass Conference Center, Brite Divinity School

UCC, as part of its participation in the Lilly Peer Learning Project for Worship and Music at the Church Music Institute, will host a panel discussion moderated by Rev. Dr. Mary Louise Bringle, Professor of Religious Studies at Brevard College, to explore fundamental questions related to this important issue in the worship life of the church. [Register online](#).

### GROW

#### Youth Parent Meeting & Spring Kick-off

Sunday, January 13 • 5:00pm

Parent meeting at 5:00pm. Kick off of regular youth groups for the spring semester at 6:00pm!

### GROW

#### 16th Annual “Reel Religion” Film Festival

January 25-26

Films of religious, cultural and philosophical significance, followed by a facilitated discussion. Movies are free and open to the public.

[Register at lifelong.tcu.edu](http://lifelong.tcu.edu).

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.

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 164, stanzas 1 & 3**  
**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**  
Hymn Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO

**Invitation to the Table**

**The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Bread and Cup**  
Elders: (9:00am) Cathy Taylor  
(11:00am) Sue Bailey

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

**\*Hymn of Discipleship 167 | Go, Tell It on the Mountain**  
Hymn Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

**\*Benediction and Choral Response**

**\*Ringing of the Tower Bells**

**\*Postlude**  
*Joy to the World* • arr. Jackson Berkey

# Celebration of Worship

December 30, 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 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

Wexford Carol • arr. Sondra Tucker  
Dr. Amy Stewart, organ

Ringing of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes

(11:00am) Josie Scanlon

Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Russ Peterman

\*Processional Hymn 149 | Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn Tune: REGENT SQUARE

\*Litany of Praise

One: Praise God, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!  
All: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!  
One: Praise God, all the heavens and starry host!  
All: Throughout the universe, may our praise abound!  
One: Come, let us be joyful!  
All: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness.

\*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.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

William Judd

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

Coventry Carol • arr. Dale Warland  
Chancel Choir and Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, by, by, lully, lullay.  
O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day  
This poor youngling, for whom we do sing, by, by, lully, lullay?  
Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day  
His men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.  
Then woe is me, poor child, for thee! And ever morn and day,  
For thy parting neither say nor sing by, by, lully, lullay!  
Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, by, by, lully, lullay.

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The Scripture in Context

Reverend Renee Hoke

Worship and Wonder for 1st-3rd graders will not meet today.

Scripture | Luke 2:41-52

Reader: Jeanne Duke

Congregational Response

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

Sermon | Life Lessons

Reverend Renee Hoke

\*The Peace

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

\*Hymn of Response 159, stanzas 1 & 3 | There’s a Song in the Air!

Hymn Tune: CHRISTMAS SONG

Invitation to Offering

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(9:00am) Coventry Carol • arr. Dale Warland  
Chancel Choir and Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster  
(11:00am) Sweet Little Jesus Boy • Robert MacGimsey  
Doug Pummill, tenor

This morning’s anthem is an English Christmas carol dating back to the 16th Century. It was traditionally performed in Coventry in England as part of a nativity play. This simple setting by renowned American choral musician Dale Warland is unaccompanied in the style of a motet.

You can find today’s scripture reading on page 59 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.