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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.

GOVERNANCE, COMMITTEE & LEADERSHIP



Building & Grounds Committee • Sunday, January 13 • 12:15pm | RM 226

HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

Chancel Guild: Roxanne Penix, Stephanie Fox, Warner Fox


Web Host: William Judd, Sound: Dave Martin, Video: Jack Stewart, Radio Annoucer: David Kirkman


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:  Mexico and Mission Coworker Cara McKinney

 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 from the Advent Season at UCC

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

43rd Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival
3:00pm and 5:00pm • Sanctuary

College First Sunday Lunch • 12:15pm
Meet Rev. Jessica Vacketta in the Gallery following 11:00am worship.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Will resume January 20

Children's Closet

Mondays & Thursdays • 10:00am-12:00pm

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

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

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!



UCC Journals can be found in the silver stands located near each Sanctuary entrance, by the Front Desk, read online on 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.

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.

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!

SERVE

2019 Annual Homeless Count

Thursday, January 24 • 7:00pm-Midnight

The Tarrant County Homeless Coalition needs help for Homeless Count Night on Thursday, January 24, from 7:00pm-Midnight. Teams of 3 to 5 are needed to find and count unsheltered homeless persons in Tarrant and Parker counties.

[Register online at ahomewithhope.org](http://ahomewithhope.org)

CONNECT

Women's Regift Game Night

Friday, January 11 • 6:00pm | The Fox's Home

Bring an appetizer or something to drink. Call the church for directions. All are welcome!

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.](#)

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)

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) or on in the Arches Sunday mornings January 13 & 20.

Detailed information about **recurring events** can be [found in the UCC Journal](#).

www.UniversityChristian.org



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A Disciples of Christ Congregation



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.

(11:00am) Communion Hymn 176, stanzas 1 & 3

Sing of God Made Manifest

Hymn Tune: SALZBURG

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Elders: (9:00am) Bridget Thomas

(11:00am) Eldon Irving

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn of Discipleship 162, stanzas 1 & 3 | What Child Is This**

Hymn Tune: GREENSLEEVES

***Benediction**

***Ringing of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude**

In dir ist Freude • J. S. Bach

Celebration of Worship

January 6, 2019 | 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

Promenade on “We Three Kings” • Jack C. Goode
Dr. Amy Stewart, organ

Ringling of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes
(11:00am) Jacob Burton

Welcome and Call to Worship
Reverend Jamie Plunkett

*Processional Hymn 173 | As with Gladness
Hymn Tune: DIX

*Litany of Praise
One: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
All: The star in the dark sky heralded his coming.
One: Led by the light of the star, the wise ones came to pay homage.
All: We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant king.
One: Come, arise! Shine! The light has come.
All: God’s light of love is shining upon us.

*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
Reverend Jessica Vacketta

Call to Prayer
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
One: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer
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. Amen.

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 | Matthew 2: 1-12
Reader: Kyle Killion

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

Sermon | Home By Another Way
Reverend Russ Peterman

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

*Hymn of Response 172, stanzas 1 & 5 | We Three Kings
Hymn Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT

Invitation to Offering

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
Home by Another Way • James Taylor and Timothy Mayer
Megan Peglar, guitar and vocals

*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
Zena McAdams

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.

Singer/Songwriter James Taylor wrote “Home by Another Way” in the mid 1980s. Its message implores the listener to follow the example of the Magi and to go home another way. We are pleased to celebrate the musical gifts of Megan Peglar in worship this morning.

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.