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Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one. Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor).

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 • Today • 12:15pm | RM 226 Finance Committee • Tuesday, January 15 • 5:30pm | RM 203

#### **HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY**

Chancel Guild: Kyle Killion, Carol Smith, Dan Smith

Web Host: Rev. Jamie Plunkett, Sound: Rich Darr. Video: Jack Stewart, Radio Annoucer: Darla Jones

#### **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: E Greece and Mission Coworker Kearstin Bailey

#### AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:

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

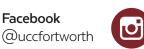
#### LEARN MORE ABOUT:

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











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Photos from The 43rd Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 14th anniversary of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

#### January 13, 2019 www.UniversityChristian.org

# Christian Church

A Disciples of Christ Congregation

## We come 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

#### **Prayer Shawl Anniversary**

Prayer Shawl Ministry celebrates 14 years of creating shawls in Worship.

Knitting Our Prayers for the New Year Come by the Gallery to learn more about the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

#### **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.

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

Parent meeting at 5:00pm, RM 207 Spring kick-off for youth groups at 6:00pm, 3rd Floor Kitchen

#### 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.

#### 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

WiLD Women Book Club Monday, January 14 • 6:00pm | Cat City Grill Tuesday, January 15 • 11:30am | RM 150

#### Lunch Bunch

Starting back up Wednesday, January 16. Noon | College Lounge

#### 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.universituchristian.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

#### Leadership Nomination Recommendation January 15-February 15

Please make recommendations for Congregational Leadership candidates. Simply fill out and return a nomination card-cards and collection boxes can be found in the Arches, Gallery and at the Front Desk. Note: One card per recommendation.

#### GROW

#### **Disciples Class**

#### Sunday, January 20 · 10:00am

Youth in grades 6-12 who feel ready to explore the meaning of church membership and baptism/confirmation are invited to attend this orientation & 10-week class. Contact: jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

#### SERVE

#### **MLK Day of Service** Monday, January 21

Join us to make it a day on, not a day off! People of all ages and walks of life come together to serve at more than 30 sites Register at: tarranttogether.org.

#### SERVE

#### **Prom Dreams Orientation**

Sunday, January 27 · 10:00am This is an orientation and training for volunteers.

#### **Prom Dreams Work Night**

Sunday, January 27 · 5:00pm-7:00pm Assist in organizing the space and sorting donations.

Meet us at: Prom Dreams Boutique. 2618 S. University, for these events.

Contact: maray413@gmail.com with questions

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



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#### CONNECT

#### **Connect Dinner**

Thursday, January 17 • 6:00pm-7:30pm | Walker Hall Gather with us around the table to fill your soul and tummies with good conversation, connected community and delicious food. College students and children 5 and under eat free, grades 1-12 \$6 and adults \$12.

RSVP: In the Gallery today, university christian. ora/connect-dinner or call 817-926-6631.

#### SERVE

**2019 Annual Homeless Count** Thursday, January 24 • 7:00pm-Midnight The Tarrant County Homeless Coalition needs teams of 3-5 to help find and count unsheltered homeless persons in Tarrant and Parker counties. Register at: ahomewithhope.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 or on in the Arches Sunday mornings January 13 & 20.

#### GROW

#### Simple Worship

#### Sundays in January • 9:30am-9:50am **Chapel of the Good Shepherd**

This twenty minute, come-as-you-are service is an opportunity to worship in a casual atmosphere. We are "soft launching" this service and, together, exploring how it will function.

#### January 13, 2019

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.

A ministerial sabbatical is a 3-month period of reflection and renewal following at least 5 years of full-time ministry in our congregation. With the blessing of the Personnel Committee and her Sabbatical Team (Chad Cline, Zena McAdams, and Stacy McCov). Rev. Vacketta has decided to spend the bulk of her sabbatical in Costa Rica. Please pray for her as she embarks on her journey!

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 the Table

#### The Words of Institution and Prayer for the Bread and Cup Elders: (9:00am) Mary Graham (11:00am) Linda Smith

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

#### \*Hymn of Discipleship 265, stanzas 1 & 4 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart Hvmn Tune: MORECAMBE

#### Sabbatical Blessing for Rev. Jessica Vacketta

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Chad Cline:	As a family of Christians, we proclaim our love for God and for one another.
Stacy MCoy:	As a family of Christians, we know that time and distance do not separate us from love for one another in Christ.
Russ Peterman:	As a family of Christians, we send our love with Rev. Jessica Vacketta on her journey of faith and renewal.
Jessica Vacketta:	Thank you, church, for creating this opportunity for a time of Sabbath rest. May this be a time of renewal for this congregation as well.
All: We pray, loving God, that you will bless Jessica and our congregatio during this sabbatical. Jessica, go with the knowledge that you are l	

and valued for all that you are and for all that you do in service to God through this church. May God be with you on your journey. May your travel be without trouble or sorrow, and may God protect wherever you rest. May you encounter God in the people you meet and in the natural beauty that will surround you. And when your time of travel and rest is through, may you return home safely, truly renewed in mind, body, and spirit. Amen.

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Ringing of the Tower Bells

#### \*Postlude

Improvisation on CWM Rhondda • arr. Paul Manz

# **Celebration of Worship**

# **ASKING THE BIGGER QUESTIONS**

Living the good news of Jesus Christ with open minds and loving hearts



#### Janurary 13, 2019 | 9:00am & 11:00am

### Sermon Series · January 13-February 3



Welcome to University Christian Church, we're glad you're here!

#### 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

Theme and Variations in G Major • J. P. Sweelinck Janet Pummill, organ

#### **Ringing of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes** (11:00am) Henry Vitek

#### Welcome and Call to Worship

**Reverend Kera Watts** 

#### \*Processional Hymn 464 | God of Grace and God of Glory Hymn Tune: CWM RHONDDA

#### \*Litany of Praise

One: Gather us in, holy God, and accept our praise. All: We come seeking guidance and strength. One: Gather us in and open our hearts to feel your presence. All: Guide our lives that we may be neighbors to all.

#### \*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 Cyndy Twedell** 

#### 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.

#### 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 10:25-37 Reader: (9:00am) Glynnis Paterson (11:00am) Melanie Towle

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

Sermon | Mu: (Can You Please Ask a Better Question?) **Reverend Russ Peterman** 

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

#### \*Hymn of Response 453, stanzas 1, 2 & 4 Called as Partners in Christ's Service Hymn Tune: BEECHER

#### Invitation to Offering

#### The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Ubi caritas • Ola Gieilo Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen. © 2007 Walton Music Corporation. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License A-7203212

#### \*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

Elders: (9:00am) Anne Sanders (11:00am) Bill Proenza

(11:00am) Communion Hymn 411, stanzas 1 & 3 For the Bread. Which You Have Broken Hymn Tune: AGAPE

You can find today's scripture reading on pages 71-72 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 offertory is reflective of the Gregorian chant tradition. Written by Ola Gjeilo, inspiration for this setting is drawn from the famous setting by Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986). Mr. Gjeilo has been commissioned to write a new choral composition for the UCC Chancel Choir later in 2019.

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.