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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



Board of Stewards • Tuesday, January 22 • 6:30pm | RM 150
Assembly Meeting • Tuesday, January 29 • 6:30pm | Walker Hall


HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

Chancel Guild: Kay Campbell, Rich Darr, Nancy Strickland
Web Host: Rev. Jamie Plunkett, **Sound:** Rich Darr **Video:** Jack Stewart, **Radio Annoucer:** 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:  Republic of Congo and Mission Coworker Paul Turner

 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



Photos from Youth Spring Kick-off and Knitting Prayers for Our New Year.

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Gretchen Diebel and Eric Schmidt on January 19.

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



CLOSED

UCC Closed—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 21

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, UCC offices and buildings will be closed.

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.

Simple Worship • 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.

RECURRING EVENTS

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

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

Lunch Bunch

Noon | College Lounge (RM 223)

WiLD Women Book Club

Monday, February 18 • 6:00pm | Cat City Grill

Tuesday, February 19 • 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.

www.UniversityChristian.org



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



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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.

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 or complete online, under Open Registrations. Note: One card/form per recommendation.

GROW

Disciples Class

Today • 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

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

GROW

Couples Retreat—Exploring Our Values & Worthiness: Separately & Together

Friday, February 1-Saturday February 2

Brown Lupton University Union Chambers, 3rd Floor

Cost is \$150, per couple this includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday. [Register Online.](#)

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.](http://tarranttogether.org)

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](http://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.](#)

GROW

Room In the Inn Anniversary

Sunday, January 27 • Noon | Gallery

Join us as we celebrate 10 years of RITI at UCC.

GROW

Just Say Know

Sunday, February 10 • 12:00pm | RM 203 & 207

This workshop focuses on preparing for adolescence and is designed for grades 4-6 and their parent/caregiver. Girls and boys will meet in separate workshops. [Register by Feb 7, cost is \\$25 per participant.](#) Cost includes lunch and the workshop manual.

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

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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Elders: (9:00am) Harold Muckleroy
(11:00am) Urbin McKeever

(11:00am) Communion Hymn 416, stanzas 1 & 2

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
Hymn Tune: CONSOLATION

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayer for the Bread and Cup

Elders: (9:00am) Pat Muckleroy
(11:00am) Gay McKeever

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn of Discipleship 339, stanzas 1 & 4**

Just as I Am, Without One Plea
Hymn Tune: WOODWORTH

***Benediction and Choral Response**

***Ringing of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude**

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor • Nicolaus Bruhns

Celebration of Worship

January 20, 2019 | 9:00am & 11:00am

Sermon Series • January 20-February 3



*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

Variations on ABERYSTWYTH • Aaron David Miller
Janet Pummill, organ

Ringling of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes

(9:00am) Josie Scanlon
(11:00am) Amelia Alsleben & James Stoner

Welcome and Call to Worship

Allison Bright

*ProceSSIONAL Hymn 12 | Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

Hymn Tune: ABERYSTWYTH

*Litany of Praise

One: Sing praise to God, all people!
All: Praise God who loves us all!
One: Don’t be afraid and do not doubt God’s love.
All: Open our hearts, O God, and help us to receive your love.
One: Dance in joy to the spirit of God.
All: Let our spirits resound with joy at God’s marvelous light!

*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 Renee Hoke

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

Agnus Dei (from Missa Brevis St. Joannis de Deo) • F. J. Haydn
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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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 | John 1: 29-42

Reader: (9:00am) Addison Gardner
(11:00am) Eldon Irving

Congregational Response

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

Sermon | What Are You Looking For?

Reverend Russ Peterman

*The Peace

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

*Hymn of Response 101, stanzas 1, 2 & 4

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Hymn Tune: QUEBEC

Invitation to Offering

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(9:00am) Agnus Dei (from Missa Brevis St. Joannis de Deo) • F. J. Haydn
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster
(11:00am) Be Thou My Vision • arr. Richard Walters
Amy Prickett, soprano

*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.

This morning’s anthem is a movement from one of Franz Josef Haydn’s short masses, commonly referred to as the “Little Organ Mass” due to an extensive organ solo in the Benedictus. It was originally composed for the Brothers of Mercy in Eisenstadt, whose patron saint was John of God.

You can find today’s scripture reading on page 92 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.

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.