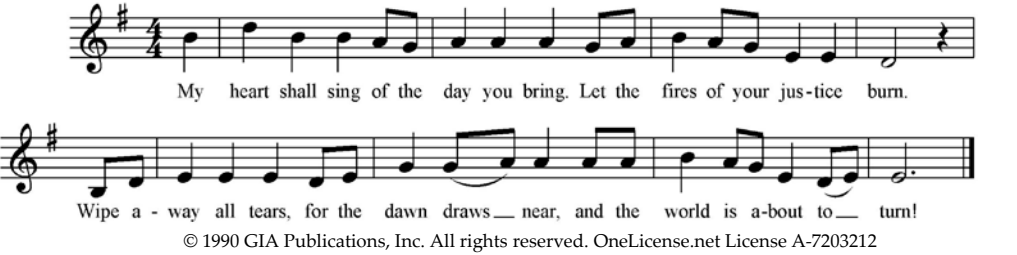


CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP		
PRELUDE	<i>Cold December Flies Away</i>	arr. Carlton R. Young
Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes		
WELCOME		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 140	<i>Hail to the Lord’s Anointed</i>	SHEFFIELD
*LITANY OF PRAISE		
We lift to you unending prayers of joy.		
You shower us with your goodness.		
As rain revitalizes the parched earth,		
Your justice and might refresh our hearts with delight!		
*GLORIA PATRI 35		GREATOREX
(11 A.M.) BABY DEDICATIONS		
HYMN 147	<i>Away in a Manger</i> (stanza 3)	AWAY IN A MANGER
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND ADVENT READING		
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
		
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		
CALL TO PRAYER		
The Lord be with you.		
And with your spirit.		
Let us pray . . .		
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (using debts and debtors) & CHORAL RESPONSE		
THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
	<i>Farandole</i>	Georges Bizet
*THE DOXOLOGY 46		OLD HUNDREDTH
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
COMMUNION HYMN 406	<i>Beneath the Forms of Outward Rite</i> (stanzas 1, 2 and 3)	BELMONT

*The congregation is invited to stand at these times of the service. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

THE LORD’S SUPPER		
INVITATION TO THE TABLE		
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS		
THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP		
Christ’s table is open to all.		
	<i>He Shall Feed His Flock – Come Unto Him</i>	G. F. Handel
THE PEACE		
The peace of the Lord be with you.		
And also with you.		
*(11 A.M.) HYMN 161	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i> (stanzas 1, 2 and 4)	I WONDER AS I WANDER
<i>Parents, during 11 a.m. worship, please bring your first-third graders to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary after the Hymn of Discipleship.</i>		
SCRIPTURE		Matthew 11:2-11
<i>The text may be found on page 11 of the New Testament in the pew Bibles.</i>		
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
The Word of God, for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
ANTHEM		
	<i>O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion</i> Text from Isaiah 40:9, 60:1	G. F. Handel
SERMON		
	<i>Wait: Settle It</i>	
*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 136	<i>Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming</i> (stanzas 1 and 2)	PLEADING SAVIOR
*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		
Ringing of the Tower Bells		
*POSTLUDE		
	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i>	arr. James Pethel
IN THE SERVICE		
Preaching		Scripture Reader
Chuck Rolen †Gallery		Bea Smith
Worship Leaders		Acolytes
Jessica Vacketta †Lectern door		Rainer Williams and Jack Bradford
Tyler Heston †Narthex door		Owen Perry and Payne Wellman
Kera Watts		
Chancel Guild		Musicians
Preparing communion today are		Kyla K. Rosenberger, <i>Senior Organist</i>
Cindy Hoover, Carol Smith		Chancel Choir
and Dan Smith.		Randy Jordan, <i>conductor</i>
		UCC Bell Ringers
Elders		Mimi Rogers, <i>director</i>
†Linda Smith and Lorraine Stell		Janna McKinley, <i>alto</i>
Anne Sanders and Charles Sanders		Dana Hapeman, <i>soprano</i>
†Cantey St. & Tower doors		Mary Farmer, <i>mezzo-soprano</i>
Advent Wreath Candle Lighters		
Monica Nelson, Claire and Megan		
Helge Alsleben and Ali Briseno, Amelia and Sabrina		
†Ministers & Elders will greet you following worship at the indicated locations.		

THIS WEEK at University Christian Church

We Celebrate the Following Baby Dedications today in worship:

Lee Bradley Sikes, daughter of Matthew & Kirby Sikes. Grandparents are David & Sharyn Thornton, Jim & Valarie Sikes. Great-grandparents are George & Frances Carney.

Grayson Barritt Williams, son of Coert & Ashley Williams. Grandparents are Newell Williams & Sue Mc . vn <>b v, Dougal and Mark & Rachael Barritt. Great-grandparents are Laurita Williams and Delores Hibbard.

This Morning and throughout Advent the Chancel Choir and soloists will be singing excerpts from G. F. Handel’s *Messiah* in worship. Soli Deo Gloria!

Christmas Angels Wrap Night is **TONIGHT**, 5:30pm, Walker Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to help assemble gift bags. Donation of \$80 provides a bag for a child; any amount is appreciated! There is an event at TCU tonight, but parking lots will be monitored to ensure ample parking for all who wish to participate!

Join Our Sunday Morning Bible Study, **Common Ground**, as we study the 11th chapter of the Gospel of Mark. The group meets **weekly** at 10 am in Room 313. Contact mwilliams_tx@live.com with questions.

Gifts of Hope are available **today** and **Sunday, December 18** in The Arches after both worship services. Your friends and family will feel honored that food, clothing or even farm animals will be purchased with your gift dollars.

Friday Fellowship - 11 a.m. Room 207. Join UCC’s new Choirmaster, Todd Prickett and his wife, Amy, for Friday Fellowship **December 16**. Following the presentation, all are invited to a catered lunch in Room 211. RSVP by noon, **tomorrow, December 12**. Call or email barbara.rektorik@uccftw.com.

College Finals Feast is **Monday, December. 12**, 5-7p.m. in Room 207. Take a break from studying and join us for FREE food, gifts, hot cocoa, treats, and more! Contact Jessica@uccftw.com with questions.

Room In the Inn Winter Session has begun! Each Wednesday we host10 homeless guests for dinner, a good night’s sleep and breakfast. Sign up in the Gallery **today** for one of the many service opportunities.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

- Noon:** An earlier worship opportunity with cherished Christmas carols and communion
- 5 pm:** A family-friendly worship service with our children’s choir, handbell choir and live nativity
- 8 pm:** Festive music from a string quartet, choir and bell ringers fill the Sanctuary as we share in communion, light candles and sing Silent Night
- 11 pm:** A candlelit service complimented by choral music, strings and handbells, concluded with candle-lighting and singing Silent Night



UPDATE

Visit UniversityChristian.org for calendar and program details!

Join us this Advent Season as we Watch. Wait. Act. Use our Advent video as a way to invite friends and family to be with you in worship, to share in fellowship or give life to your faith in service to others.

The Red Envelope Christmas Offering, collected during Advent, supports all ministries of University Christian Church. Your gift makes a difference!

Advent Calendars- If you did not receive a calendar in the mail, please pick one up **today** as we celebrate advent together. Calendars are located in baskets throughout the building.

Hanging of the Greens Sweatshirts are back in stock and available for purchase at The Arches information desk following worship services and Sunday school **today** and **December 18**. Available in green or maroon. Adults - \$15, Kids - \$10.

Yoga with Julie Vitek | Mondays, 12:30 -1:30 pm, Room 205, \$5. Bring your own mat and blanket if possible.

It's a Great Time to Join UCC/TCU Weight Watchers: Meetings are **Thursdays**, 4:45 pm, Room 204. Call Yvonne Mann 871.257.6054 or email y.mann@tcu.edu - come on, we are saving a seat for you!

WiLD Women Book Club Christmas gathering is at Patricia Smith's home, **Monday, December 12**, 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Bring a holiday snack to share and your favorite book wrapped--not to give away but to guess who's favorite it is!

Poinsettia Order Forms are Available at the Arches Information Desk and the Reception Desk. Orders can also be made online or pam@uccftw.com. **Deadline is December 18.**

The annual **"Of Many Colors" (OMC) Christmas Concert** will be held on **Monday, December 19**, in the UCC sanctuary at 7 pm. The concert's theme is "Children, Go Where I Send Thee" and welcomes the return of Sheran Keyton as featured soloist. If you love jazz, gospel and classical music, you're sure to enjoy this concert celebration! Free admission.

Join us for Pickleball on Sunday, December 18, 4:30-6:30 pm in Walker Hall. You are welcome to swing by at any time or stay for the entire evening!

Young Adult Retreat, January 8-10 is at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX. Register online at www.disciplescrossing.org or contact jessica@uccftw.com with questions.

Advent Daily Devotional—Partners in Prayer 2016 will help you see the everyday incarnations of God among us, appearing in the midst of our struggles and celebrations. Devotions are available in The Arches.

Boar's Head Festival Tickets Are on Sale Call 817-926-6631, Ext. 141 or UniversityChristian.org for \$15 Patron seats. Plenty of free seats available, too! Please join us for our 41st musical and theatrical production which celebrates the story of Christ's birth in spectacular Old English style. Four performances on January 7 & 8, 3 & 5 pm.

Listen LIVE on KTCU 88.7 to our **8 pm Christmas Eve service** if you or loved ones are unable to attend. KTCU will also broadcast Christmas Day and New Year's Day, Sunday worship services at 11 am.

One Worship Service at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. No Sunday school classes will meet, but preschool childcare will be available. KTCU will broadcast the worship services.

AVAILABLE:

- A Complete Sunday School Program for All Ages Meets at 10 am
- Childcare provided from 8:45 am-12 pm for infants-preschool
- Handicap accessible restrooms located in The Gallery (second floor)
- Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Personnel Committee: Tuesday, December 11 at 12:15 pm, Room 226

Building & Grounds: Sunday, December 13 at 5:30 pm, Room 203

Members of the congregation may attend these meetings with the exception of any portion of a meeting held in Executive Session.

Ministers Are On Call and 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.

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Rev. Dr. Chuck Rolen, Interim Senior Minister; **Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell**, Senior Associate Minister; **Rev. Russ Boyd**, Associate Minister for Youth; **Rev. Shannon Moore**, Associate Minister; **Rev. Jessica Vacketta**, Associate Minister for Adults and College; **Whitney Peters**, Assistant Minister for High School; **Tyler Heston**, Assistant Minister for Middle School; **Rev. Kera Watts**, Associate Minister for Children; **Dr. Todd Prickett**, Director of Music/Choirmaster; **Kyla K. Rosenberger**, Director of Worship & Arts/Senior Organist.



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