



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP		
PRELUDE	<i>Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme</i>	J. S. Bach
Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes		
WELCOME		
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light</i>	J. S. Bach
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 149	<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i>	REGENT SQUARE
*LITANY OF PRAISE		
With angels from the realms of glory,		
we gather to worship Christ, the newborn King.		
With sages and shepherds and saints,		
we rejoice for God is with us!		
*GLORIA PATRI 35		GREATOREX
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND ADVENT READING		
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN		
		
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.		
		
Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws__ near, and the world is a-bout to__ turn!		
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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>Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion</i>		G. F. Handel
*THE DOXOLOGY 46		OLD HUNDREDTH
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
COMMUNION HYMN 399	<i>O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near</i> (stanzas 1 and 3)	BELMONT
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>Canticle of the Turning</i>		arr. John Ferguson
*The congregation is invited to stand at these times of the service. Feel free to remain seated if need be.		

THE PEACE		
The peace of the Lord be with you.		
And also with you.		
*(11 A.M.) HYMN 153		
<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>		CAROL
(stanzas 1 and 3)		
<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 1:18-25		
<i>The text may be found on page 1 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>For Unto Us a Child Is Born</i>		G. F. Handel
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:		
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:		
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God,		
the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.		Isaiah 9:6
SERMON		
<i>Act: God Is With Us</i>		
*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 155		
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>		GLORIA
(stanzas 1 and 4)		
*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		
Ringing of the Tower Bells		
*POSTLUDE		
<i>In Dulci Jubilo</i>		J. S. Bach
IN THE SERVICE		
Preaching		
Chuck Rolen †Gallery		
Scripture Reader		
Mark Alland		
Worship Leaders		
Russ Boyd †Lectern door		
Shannon Moore †Narthex door		
Acolytes		
Emma Jane Farmer and Marcy McCracken		
Brooke Mills and Caroline Waldvogel		
Chancel Guild		
Preparing communion today are		
Kay Campbell, Rich Darr,		
Stephanie Fox, Warner Fox		
and Nancy Strickland.		
Musicians		
Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist		
Chancel Choir		
Todd Prickett, Choirmaster		
Amy Prickett, soprano		
Elders		
†Shirley Branham and Lorraine Stell		
Eldon Irving and Laura West		
†Cantey St. & Tower doors		
Advent Wreath Candle Lighters		
Judy Walker Stempel and Sara Walker Wilson		
Elizabeth and Matt Smid, Andrew		
†Ministers & Elders will greet you following worship at the indicated locations.		

THIS WEEK at University Christian Church

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. You can find it at: vimeo.com/uccftw/advent.

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!

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

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 today!**

Gifts of Hope are available **today** 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. Last chance!

Join Us for Pickleball Today! 4:30-6:30 pm in Walker Hall. You are welcome to swing by at any time or stay for the entire evening!

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

“Of Many Colors” (OMC) Christmas Concert is tomorrow night, in the 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! Bring your friends and family! Free admission.

College and Young Adult Progressive Christmas Party, Monday, December 19. Dinner at Bob and Carol Stewart’s house at 5 pm, then to the **Of Many Colors Concert** at UCC. We will end the night at Bill and Stacy McCoy’s house with dessert and a white elephant gift exchange. Text JV or email Jessica@uccftw.com for more information.

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!

Thank you, Angels! Because of your generosity and compassion almost 500 children and their families will experience the joy of Christmas with a red bag filled with a new coat, shoes, jeans, sweatshirt, socks and underwear, toy and book. It was another amazing Christmas Angels Wrap Night. Thank you, UCC! And thank you to Kate Williams and her hard working committee of Angels!

One Worship Service at 11 am on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. No Sunday school classes will meet. Preschool childcare will be available on January 1 only.

Yoga with Julie Vitek | Mondays, (except December 26, January 2 & 16) **12:30 -1:30 pm**, Room 205, \$5. Bring your own mat and blanket if possible.

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! Join us and bring a friend to the 41st musical/theatrical production celebrating the story of Christ's birth in spectacular Old English style. Four performances on January 7 and 8, 3 and 5 pm.

Would You Like to Donate Flowers for Sunday Worship? A variety of dates exist. Contact Pam Reeser at 817.926.6631, ext. 123 or pam@uccftw.com for information on the flower ministry.

Volunteers Needed for Boar's Head Stage Build and Strike - **Sunday, January 1** at 1pm. Please bring a 9/16 socket wrench, crescent wrench or 9/16 box or open end wrench and work gloves If you can. Food and beverages provided! Strike begins at 5:30 pm, **Monday, January 9**. Questions? Contact Gregg Lehman at gregg.h.lehman@yahoo.com.

Casting Roles are Available in the Boar's Head Festival for men, women and youth. Visit <http://universitychristian.org/bhyl-signup> to sign up.

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.

Room In the Inn Winter Session has begun! Each Wednesday we host 10 homeless guests for dinner, a good night's sleep and breakfast. Sign up in the Gallery today for one of the many service opportunities.

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!

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.

UCC's 2017 Couples Retreat at *Briarwood Retreat Center*, **February 3-4, 2017**. Total cost is \$200/couple. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is due by **Monday, January 9**. Register online or email jessica@uccftw.com.

Holiday Potluck Brunch on Sunday, January 8. All are invited to a Holiday Potluck Brunch from 10-11 am in Walker Hall. Beverages provided; bring a breakfast dish to share. Sunday school classes will not meet, but childcare is available. Contact barbara.rektorick@uccftw.com with questions.

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

Board of Stewards: Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30 pm, Room 207

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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Listen LIVE on KTCU FM 88.7 or on UniversityChristian.org

OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS:

Paul Turner, *Democratic Republic of Congo*

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LEARN MORE ABOUT:

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



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PROGRAM CONTACTS:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Rolan, *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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