

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Drummer Boy/Pat-a-Pan

O Come, Little Children

O Sanctissima

Caroling, Caroling

Silent Night

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Diane Bish

Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming

arr. Allan R. Petker

Ringing of the Tower Bells

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 148

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*CHRISTMAS LITANY

Your faithful have gathered, joyful and triumphant.

Choirs of angels sing and celebrate!

We embrace you with wonder and with love.

Let us adore the babe in the manger – Christ, the Lord!!

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray . . .

CHRISTMAS PRAYER (in unison) AND LORD’S PRAYER

We praise you, Almighty God, for the gift of your Son, Jesus the Christ.

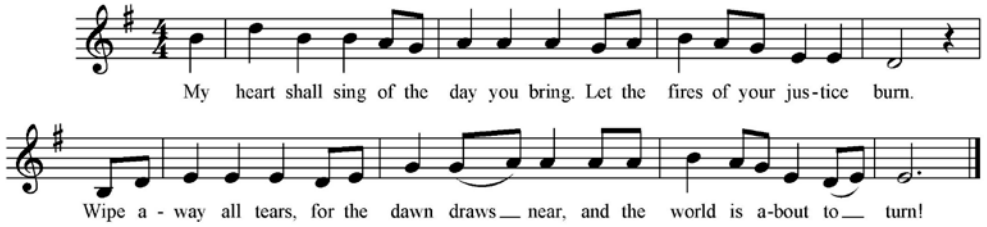
Thank you for sending the one true light that can overcome the darkness and fear in the world. With happy hearts, we join with the angels singing praises to the newborn King. May we boldly tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and find life. In celebration, we share the prayer Jesus taught us...

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

THE STAR OF COUNTY DOWN



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A READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Micah 5:2-5a

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 151

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

(stanzas 1 and 2)

CALL FOR OFFERING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN 145

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

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.

You are invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction:
break off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Ushers will direct you.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 163

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 2:1-20

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

God’s Gift for All

*CLOSING HYMN 143

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION

Ringing of the Tower Bells

*POSTLUDE

Variations on an Old Carol Tune

Geoffrey Shaw

IN THE SERVICE

Worship Leaders

Chuck Rolen

Jessica Vacketta

Kera Watts

Cyndy W. Twedell

Shannon Moore

Russ Boyd

Elders

Sandra Soria and Lorraine Stell

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

Kyle and Lindsay Klatzkin

Samuel and Benjamin

Musicians

Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist

Todd Prickett, Director of Music

Amy Prickett, soprano

THIS WEEK at University Christian Church

One Worship Service at 11 am on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. No Sunday school classes will meet. Children are welcome to come in their Christmas PJ’s. Preschool childcare will be available on **January 1 only**. KTCU will broadcast the worship service.

Don’t Miss this Opportunity for a special end-of-year gift to the ministries of UCC. Red envelopes may be found in the pews. Thank you for your generous support!

Thank You to all who ordered poinsettias. If you wish to take a poinsettia, do so following **Christmas Day worship**. Poinsettias will also be available near the Reception Desk on **Wednesday, December 28**.

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 Angels committee!

Young Adult Retreat, January 8-10, at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX. Register online at www.disciplescrossing.org by **December 27** and contact jessica@uccftw.com with questions.

Volunteers Needed for Boar’s Head Stage Build and Strike - Sunday, January 1 at 1pm. Bring a 9/16 socket wrench, crescent wrench or 9/16 box or open end wrench and work gloves if you can. Stage Strike begins at 5:30 pm on **Monday, January 9**. Contact Gregg Lehman at gregg.h.lehman@yahoo.com.

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

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

UPDATE

Visit UniversityChristian.org for calendar and program details!

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

Looking for a great Boot Camp Style Workout? Scotty Jones leads a group each **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**, 5:30 am in the UCC Porte-cochere parking lot for a 45 minute workout. Bring a mat and hand-weights. FREE!

Holiday Potluck Brunch on Sunday, January 8. 10-11 am in Walker Hall. Beverages provided; bring a breakfast dish to share. Sunday school classes will not meet, but childcare is available.

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 and theatrical production celebrating the story of Christ's birth. **January 7 and 8**, 3 and 5 pm each day.

Friday Fellowship, January 13, program by Rev. Shannon Moore followed by a potluck lunch. Join us in Room 207 at 11 am, followed by a Potluck Lunch. RSVP to barbara.rektorik@uccftw.com by **Tuesday, January 10**.

Latte with the Ladies is **Saturday, January 14** at 9 am at Brewed (801 W. Magnolia Ave. – 76104). Women of all ages are welcome to join the fellowship and great conversations on the **second Saturday** of each month.

UCC's Prayer Shawl Ministry will celebrate its 12th year anniversary in worship **Sunday, January 15**. Over 2,000 prayer shawls have been knit or crocheted since this ministry began at UCC in January 2005.

Looking at the Whole Bible in Ten Weeks-A chronological study of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament Books, led by Rev. Dr. Eldon Irving, begins on **Sunday, January 15**, 10 a.m. in Room 207.

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

The 14th Reel Religion Film Festival returns on **January 27 and 28**. Take your pick of 18 films with facilitated discussion. Register at www.lifelong.tcu.edu or in The Arches on **Sunday, January 15 and 22** before and after worship. Free admission.

MLK Day of Service, is **Monday, January 16**. Make it a Day on – not a Day off. Sign up to participate at www.tarranttogether.org.

WILD Women Book Club – Monday, January 16 at 6 pm at Cat City Grill and **Tuesday, January 17** at 11:30 am at UCC for discussion of *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George.

The Homeless Count for Fort Worth will launch from UCC on **Thursday, January 26** at 8 p.m. Visit www.ahomewithhope.com for details of the annual count or to volunteer.

New to UCC? Welcome! We hope you'll join us for the Newcomers Class in **February**, 10 am Sundays, for a chance to get to know others while learning about UCC and its ministries.

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.

Mission Worth It! An in-town family friendly Spring Break opportunity is **Monday, March 13 – Thursday, March 16**. Like to camp, do good work and meet new people? Join us in late **June** for a pilgrimage to a New Mexico Navajo reservation. **July** holds a flight to Nicaragua and mission work there! Learn more about these opportunities on **Sunday, January 29** – lunch included!



December 24, 2016 | Noon

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

Our regular Sunday morning programs resume January 15.

- A complete Sunday school program for all ages meets at 10 am
- Childcare provided from 8:45 am – 12 pm

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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OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS:

Paul Turner, Democratic Republic of Congo

Elena Huegel, Mexico

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- Our ministries at UniversityChristian.org
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