

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*There's a Song in the Air*

arr. Wilbur Held

Ring of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 173

*As with Gladness*

DIX

\*LITANY OF PRAISE

O God, you revealed Your Son to the world by the leading of a star.

**Lead us now by faith to know Your presence in our lives.**

Shine the light of Your justice always in our hearts and over all lands.

**Accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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

(9 A.M.)

*How Great Our Joy\*\**

arr. John Rutter

(11 A.M.)

*The Magi Saw a Bright Star*

Tomás Luis de Victoria

\*THE DOXOLOGY 46

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN 165

*Once in Royal David’s City*

IRBY

(stanzas 1 and 4)

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

*(All followers of Christ are invited to share in the bread and cup which represent the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they nourish us in our life together in His name.)*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*(11 A.M.) HYMN 159

*There’s a Song in the Air!*

CHRISTMAS SONG

*(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 during the Hymn of Discipleship.)*

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

*(Scripture may be found on page 2 of the New Testament in the pew Bibles.)*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

(11 A.M.) ANTHEM

*How Great Our Joy!*

arr. John Rutter

While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.  
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high!  
There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child today.  
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high!  
There shall the Child lie in a stall this Child who shall redeem us all.  
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high!  
This gift of God we’ll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.  
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high!

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SERMON

*The Gift of the Magi*

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 172

*We Three Kings*

KINGS OF ORIENT

(stanzas 1 and 5)

\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Ring of the Tower Bells

\*POSTLUDE

*He Whom Shepherds Once Came Praising*

arr. Wilbur Held

IN THE SERVICE

**Preaching**

Larry Thomas

**Scripture Reader**

Diane Simons

**Worship Leaders**

Ellen Lewis  
Kera Watts

**Elders**

Libits Kendall and Dan Smith  
Chet McKeen and Roxanne Penix.

**Musicians**


Kyla K. Rosenberger, *Senior Organist*  
Chancel Choir Quintet  
Mary Farmer, Kat Mangum  
Eric Mullins, Annie Yandell,  
and Jackson Yandell

**Acolytes**

Anika Junker and Joye Hatter  
Isabel Terry and Abby Ellison

**Chancel Guild**

Preparing communion today are  
Linda Austin, Donna Erwin  
and Mark Muller.



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### *This Week at University Christian Church*

**Boar’s Head “Behind the Scenes,”** a combined Sunday School class, is **today**, 10 a.m. in Walker Fellowship Hall. Hear from Randol Bass, the composer/arranger of the music which has been recently updated, and from John Andrus, who explains the complexity of the set construction.

**Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival** performances are **today** at 3 and 5 p.m. Ring in the new year with over 300 cast and musicians as they inspire, awe and humor in a glorious mix of music and song!

**Music Ensembles at UCC** will resume regular rehearsal schedules **January 8**. If you or your child is interested in joining a handbell group or choir, view details on the church website or call Marsha, ext. 152.

**JYF Midwinter Registration** is happening **NOW** for third - fifth graders at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX, **January 23-25**. Join in a weekend of fun, games, free time, friendship building and learning about *Worship*. Go to [disciplescrossing.org](http://disciplescrossing.org) to register (\$45). Deadline is **January 15**.

**Friday Fellowship - January 9**, 11 a.m., Room 207. UCC member and well known author, Rev. Judy Alter, will speak about her series of mystery novels and why she chose Fort Worth’s Fairmont District as the setting. Please rsvp [danlsmith@mindspring.com](mailto:danlsmith@mindspring.com) for reservations.

**The Marriage Well**, a monthly enrichment program for adults in married, partnered, or committed relationships, meets **Friday, January 9** in Room 207, 6-7 p.m. This month’s topic will be *Relationships in the Digital Age*. Join for dinner afterwards. Childcare provided until 9 p.m.\*\*

**The 1’s, UCC Singles**, meets **Friday, January 9**, 7-9 p.m., Room 203. Over dinner (\$5) we will discuss *The Enneagram*. Childcare provided until 9 p.m.\*\*

*\*\* Reservation deadline has passed. Contact [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com) for availability.*

A complete Sunday school program for all ages meets at 10 a.m.

Childcare provided from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. for infants-preschool.

Handicap accessible restrooms located in The Gallery (second floor)

Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.

Ministers On Call

Ministers are 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.

On Call This Week  
Jessica Vacketta  
Kera Watts


Congregational Leadership Meetings

Communications Committee

Wednesday, January 7, 5:30 p.m., Room 202

Building & Grounds

Sunday, January 11, 12:15 p.m., Room 202

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# UPDATE

Visit [www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org) for calendar and program details!

**Latte with the Ladies - Saturday, January 10**, 9 a.m., Brewed (801 W Magnolia Avenue-76104). Women of all ages are welcome to join the fellowship and conversations on the **second Saturday** of each month.

**Prayer Bead Meeting, Saturday, January 10**, 10 a.m., Room 205. No experience needed, beginning skills taught and equipment provided. Prayer beads are made for UCC and Harris Hospital for people in crisis situations.

**UCC's Prayer Shawl Ministry** will celebrate its 10th year anniversary in worship on **Sunday, January 11**. Over 1,800 prayer shawls have been knit or crocheted since this ministry began at UCC in January 2005.

**Parish Nurses are Sponsoring a Blood Drive** on **Sunday, January 11**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Walker Fellowship Hall.

**Spring Break Mission Pilgrimage Informational Meeting, Sunday, January 11**, 12:15 p.m., Room 226. Families, college students, youth and adults will travel to El Paso, **March 8-14**, to work together with residents of colonias north of the border.

**"Walk in the Shoes"** and gain understanding of someone with dementia. The Virtual Dementia Tour®, **Sunday, January 25**, 9 a.m. – noon, Room In the Inn Suite (Room 112). Sign up **Sunday, January 11 and 18** in The Arches.

**Act on Those New Year's Resolutions!** UCC/TCU Weight Watchers invites you to an open meeting, **January 15**, 4:45 p.m., Room 204. Contact Yvonne Mann 871.257.6054 or email [y.mann@tcu.edu](mailto:y.mann@tcu.edu). Getting healthy is easy and fun!

**Third Grade Bible Class**, *Learning to Use My Bible*, begins next **Sunday, January 11**. Join us for this six week class followed by the presentation of Bibles as a gift from UCC on **February 15**.

**Chapman University Singers in Concert - Friday, January 16** at 7 p.m., Sanctuary. Come hear this outstanding choir on tour from our Disciples of Christ university in Orange County, CA. Free admission.



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University Christian Church ministries  
at [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org)

For more about the Disciples of Christ,  
Visit [disciples.org](http://disciples.org)

**Women of Valor**, the Sunday night women's group, will meet **Sunday, January 18**, at 5 p.m. in Room 204. Please join us!

**WILD Women Book Club – Monday, January 19**, 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill and **Tuesday, January 20**, 11:30 a.m. in the UCC library. Both will discuss *The Tower, the Zoo, and the Tortoise* by Julia Stuart.

**Make it a Day On – Not a Day Off.** MLK Day of Service, **Monday, January 19**. Details are on the UCC web site. Contact Lynn Cross, [lynn@uccftw.com](mailto:lynn@uccftw.com) or 817.926.6631 x. 139 if you would like to participate.

**Weekday School Enrollment** forms/fees for the 2015-16 school year will be accepted **Monday, January 26 - Wednesday, February 11**. Packets for church members will be available in Room 101, **Monday, January 26**, 9a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday. The WDS invites all interested church members to come by and learn about our outstanding program. Questions? Contact **Alison Coffey**, WDS Enrollment Chair, [alisoncoffey@gmail.com](mailto:alisoncoffey@gmail.com) or **Claire Graham**, Director of the UCC Weekday School, 817.926.3960 or [claire@uccftw.com](mailto:claire@uccftw.com).



**REEL RELIGION 2**  
at University Christian Church  
featuring films of religious, cultural & philosophical significance  
January 30 - 31, 2015  
Register at [www.lifelong.tcu.edu](http://www.lifelong.tcu.edu)  
Movies are free and open to the public, followed by a facilitated discussion.  
Saturday box lunch available with your pre-paid reservation.  
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#### PROGRAM CONTACTS

**Rev. Larry Thomas**, Senior Minister; **Rev. Russ Boyd**, Assoc. Minister for Youth; **Rev. Ellen Lewis**, Assoc. Minister of Administration; **Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell**, Assoc. Minister of Outreach, Women's Ministries & Membership; **Rev. Jessica Vacketta**, Assoc. Minister for Adults and College; **Alison Nicoll**, Assist. Minister for Middle School; **Michael Yandell**, Assist. Minister for High School; **Kyla K. Rosenberger**, Director of Music & Senior Organist; **Kera Watts**, Director of Children's Ministries.



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