CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Kings of Orient* arr. Michael Regan
Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 173** *As with Gladness* DIX

***LITANY OF PRAISE**
The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
Glory to you, O God!
Your eternal light cannot be eclipsed.
Glory and praise to you, now and forever!

***GLORIA PATRI 35** 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*)

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Greensleeves Traditional English

***THE DOXOLOGY 46** OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN 385 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* O WALY WALY
(stanzas 1 and 2)

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.
Creator of the Stars of Night arr. Sam Batt Owens

THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***(11 A.M.) HYMN 174** *Brightest and Best* STAR IN THE EAST
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.

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5
The text may be found on page 91 of the New Testament in the pew Bibles)

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

(11 A.M.) ANTHEM *A Carol for Epiphany* Carl F. Schalk
Through desert and mountain they came from afar
to seek a new King as they followed a star.
They followed the star as they traveled the way
that led to the Christ child, once born in the hay.
They brought Him their treasure: myrrh, incense, and gold;
all signs of a story that yet would unfold.
They brought Him their gifts as they knelt to adore
then went on their way to be heard of no more.
Do wise men still journey from near and from far?
Do wise men still seek Him and follow the star?
O come, let us hasten with hearts full of love
To worship the Christ Child, God's Son from above.
O who are the wise men who seek Him today?
The poor and the lowly or those who hold sway?
Let all come and worship, come kneel and adore
God's Son in a manger, our Lord evermore.
What gifts do we offer? What gifts do we bring?
What myrrh, gold or incense? What songs do we sing?
We offer our finest, we sing of our Lord: Creator, Redeemer Incarnate, the Word.
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SERMON *Light for the World*

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 172** *We Three Kings* KINGS OF ORIENT
(stanzas 1 and 5)

*BENEDICTION
Ringing of the Tower Bells

*POSTLUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morningstar* arr. James Pethel

IN THE SERVICE

Preaching
Chuck Rolen †*Gallery*

Worship Leaders
Kera Watts †*Lectern door*
Tyler Heston †*Narthex door*

Musicians
Kyla K. Rosenberger, *Senior Organist*
Sean McCrary, *guitar*
Choral Ensemble
Todd Prickett, *Choirmaster*

Scripture Reader
Scott Wheatley

Acolytes
Luke Jones and Novyn Sek
Jacob Burton and Owen Perry

Chancel Guild
Preparing communion today are
Cindy Hoover, Carol Smith
and Dan Smith.

Elders
†Judy Clinkscales and John Andrus
Art Busbey and Bea Smith
†*Cantey St. & Tower doors*
†*Ministers & Elders will greet you following worship at the indicated locations.*

THIS WEEK *@ University Christian Church*

HOLIDAY POTLUCK BRUNCH | 10-11 AM, TODAY
In Walker Hall—beverages provided. Sunday school classes will not meet, but childcare is available.

ROOM IN THE INN | EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
We offer hope and hospitality by hosting 10 homeless guests each **Wednesday** for dinner, a good night's sleep and breakfast. Sign up in the Gallery **today** for one of the many service opportunities.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP | JANUARY 13, 11 AM
Join us for a program presented by Rev. Shannon Moore in Room 207 followed by a potluck lunch in Room 211. RSVP by **Tuesday, January 10** to barbara.rektorik@uccftw.com.

UCC'S 2017 COUPLES RETREAT | FEBRUARY 3-4
Briarwood Retreat Center, Total cost is $200/couple.
A non-refundable $100 deposit is due by **Sunday, January 15.**
Register online or email jessica@uccftw.com.

LATTE WITH THE LADIES | SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 9 AM
Meet 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.

PRAYER BEAD MEETING | SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 10 AM
Beginning beader skills are taught and equipment is provided in Room 204. Prayer beads are made for UCC and THR Harris Hospital for people in crisis situations.

THE 14TH REEL RELIGION FILM FESTIVAL | 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.

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Visit **UniversityChristian.org** for calendar and program details!

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

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.

Recycling Sunday - January 15. Learn more about recycling as Caring for God's Creation offers helpful information in the Gallery after each service. Preview today after both services. Watch for a big Saturday recycling day in the Spring.

Join us for Pickleball on **January 15** from 4:30-6:30 pm in Walker Hall. You are welcome to swing by at any time or stay for the entire evening!

MLK Day of Service, **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 at 12:15 pm on **Sunday, January 29** – lunch included!

Bible Study every Wednesday at 10 am in Room 203, led by Dr. Bobby Wayne Cook. All are welcome to join in the study of Luke.

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!

Living the good news of Jesus Christ with open minds and loving hearts

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, January 10 at 5:30 pm, Room 202
CLG: Thursday, January 12 at 6 pm, Room202
Building & Grounds: Sunday, January 15 at 12:15 pm, Room 226

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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OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS:

Paul Turner, *Democratic Republic of Congo*

Elena Huegel, *Mexico*

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

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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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