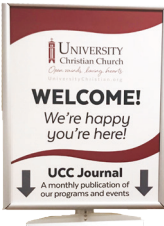


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There is a new one each month—read it online or take one from the silver stands located near Sanctuary entrances and by the Front Desk.

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WELCOME

TO UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We're so happy that you have joined us for worship today! UCC is a community of folks trying to be Christlike—to love as God loves. We care deeply for one another, and you! As such, please let us know if you are visiting, or in need of prayer support, by filling out a communication/prayer request card located in the back of the pews. We hope that your time among us will be filled with a sense of connection, and we hope to see you again soon!



— Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman • Senior Minister



If you want to learn more about UCC and what it means to be part of our faith community, please email shannon.moore@uccftw.com or speak to a minister. More information is available on our church website.

TODAY

Acolyte Training • 12:15pm • Sanctuary

Attention all 4th–6th graders and their parents! You are invited to this Acolyte training session where children will learn the 'hows' and the 'whys' of acolytying, while parents will find out about scheduling and communication.

Belltower Series: Hymn Festival with Bradley Hunter Welch 7:00pm • Sanctuary

UCC's Belltower Series is pleased to present a Hymn Festival featuring organist Bradley Hunter Welch it will include hymn singing by the entire congregation and special anthem presentations by a combined choir, including UCC's Chancel Choir, First United Methodist Church's Choral Union, and First Presbyterian Church's Chancel Choir. This event is co-sponsored by the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. As with all Belltower Series events, Admission is Free. An offering will be collected to support future musical performances at UCC. Bring a friend!

RECURRING EVENTS

CONNECT MEALS (MONTHLY)

Lunch • First Sunday • Noon | Walker Hall
Dinner • Third Thursday • 6:00pm | Walker Hall

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (WEEKLY)

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

FAITHFULLY FIT FOREVER (WEEKLY)

Mondays • 4:00pm | RM 205
Wednesdays & Fridays • 11:00am | RM 205

YOGA (WEEKLY)

Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205
Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (WEEKLY)

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

COLLEGE LUNCH BUNCH (WEEKLY)

Wednesdays • 12:00pm | RM 223

MEN'S SECOND THURSDAY LUNCH

Second Thursday • 12:00pm | Café Bella

NEEDLERS (WEEKLY)

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 312

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP (MONTHLY)

Second Friday • 11:00am | RM 209

LATTE WITH THE LADIES (MONTHLY)

Second Saturday • 9:00am

YOUTH SNACK SUPPPER (WEEKLY)

Sundays • 6:00pm | RM 312

YOUTH GROUP (WEEKLY)

Sundays • 6:30pm | Third Floor

WILD WOMEN BOOK CLUB (MONTHLY)

Third Monday • 6:00pm | Cat City Grill
Third Tuesday • 11:30am | RM 150

YOUTH COMMUNITY GROUPS (WEEKLY)

Chi Rho • Wednesdays • 6:30pm
CYF • Wednesdays • 7:00pm

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS




Board of Stewards

September 17 • 6:00pm | RM 150

AS A GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONGREGATION UCC SUPPORTS AND PRAYS FOR:

Our missionary partners
Elena Huegel, Mexico
Larry and Debbie Colvin, Ghana

This week we pray for:

 Italy and Mission Coworker
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Our ministries at universitychristian.org
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SERVE



Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival Cast Sign-ups Sundays, October 13-27 | The Arches

The BHYLF is a special gift UCC provides to the church and community. Sign up to be part of the performing cast or part of the very needed and valued crew. There is a place for everyone! [Contact: todd.prickett@uccftw.com](mailto:todd.prickett@uccftw.com)

GROW



Meal With A Mission: Commit to Love Sunday, October 20 6:00pm-7:30pm | Walker Hall

Join us Sunday evening, for a lively, informal conversation with Senior Minister Russ Peterman.

This is part two of a series where Russ unpacks the possibilities revealed in the new mission statement for University Christian Church. What does “Commit to Love” look like in UCC’s relationship with the city of Fort Worth, in the way we share our resources, in the way we care for each other? Listen as Russ shares what God can do through UCC when “love” becomes the way we measure our success. This is a conversation for everyone with a passion for what’s next at UCC.



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HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

Chancel Guild:

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Web Host: Rev. Renee Hoke

Sound: Mike Coffey

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Radio Announcer: Diane Cooper

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Hennersdorf by Gary and Coni Hennersdorf.

FEATURED EVENTS [Register, RSVP](#) or [learn more](#) online.



SUNDAY MORNINGS • CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULT

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP • ALL AGES

9:00am • 11:00am

SIMPLE WORSHIP • ALL AGES

9:30-9:50am

CHILDCARE • INFANT & TODDLERS

Available from 8:45am-12:15pm.

PRESCHOOL • AGES 2-PRE K

Offered from 8:45am to 12:15pm

DISCOVERY KIDS • K-GRADE 5

Begins with a large, interactive session, followed by age-appropriate small group sessions (K-1, 2-3, 4-5).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR • K-GRADE 5

11:00am-11:30am • RM 211

WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN

Check out this way to engage children in worship. Worship Bags are available at the Gallery door. Please return them after worship.



SERVE

Seeking Support For March Concert in Bass Hall

The Music Ministry is seeking support for our exciting concert in Bass Hall on March 17, 2020. UCC's Chancel Choir will premiere a new work by world-renowned composer, Ola Gjeilo, and UCC Organist, Janet Pummil, will perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

If your business would be interested in purchasing an advertisement in our concert program, please [contact: todd.prickett@uccftw.com](mailto:todd.prickett@uccftw.com). Full-page and half-page options are available.

GROW

Sabbath in the Suburbs and Beyond: Finding Rest, Play, Renewal and Delight

Saturday, October 19 • 9:00am-3:00pm | RM 207

God invites us to rest from our work and to be renewed in the gift of holy time. But Sabbath often seems impossible given the demands of modern life: work, chores, errands, and kid activities, not to mention the constant nagging of email, Facebook and text messages. Join us for a day of conversation as we learn more about this ancient gift of Sabbath and how it can transform our lives in powerful ways.

Cost is \$10 per person which covers lunch and a copy of the book, *Sabbath in the Suburbs*. [RSVP to jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com).

This workshop will be led by MaryAnn McKibben Dana, author of *Sabbath in the Suburbs: A Family's Experiment with Holy Time* and is funded by The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Grant.



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CONNECT



Women Walking Together • Saturdays in October

Enjoy the outdoors this October with Saturday walks with the Women Together at UCC. We will meet at 9 am in the parking lot of Acme Bricks, 3024 Acme Bricks Plaza. The walk begins at 9:15am, the pace is relaxed, and walkers are welcome to walk as far as you want. We'll be walking the Trinity Trails every Saturday except October 12 when we will walk in downtown Grapevine following Latte with the Ladies.

GROW

College Sunday Sabbath
Sundays, 4:30pm-5:45pm • College Lounge RM 223

In the relentless busyness of college life, it's hard to find a healthy rhythm. This an opportunity to break from the work and center yourself for the week ahead. Each week, we'll explore a different way of honoring the Sabbath, as we remember to celebrate what is beautiful and sacred.



WORSHIP AND WONDER • GRADES 1-3

During the Scripture in Context portion of our 11:00am service (see bulletin for weekly information), children are invited to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery—they hear the scripture used in worship, wonder about what it means for our lives, and return to worship during the Hymn of Response following the Communion Hymn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL • ALL AGES

Classes for youth, college and adults meet every Sunday at 10:00am. Adult class topics are located by the Sanctuary doors and reception desk.

Our children and youth programs encourage discipleship through fun and faith-centered activities. Music programs are available.

TODAY'S CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP • 9:00am and 11:00am

The information in these margins will guide you through worship. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter, usher or minister.

Prelude

Aria • John S. Dixon
Janet Pummill, organ

Ringling of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes**Welcome and Call to Worship**

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

***Processional Hymn 464**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn Tune: CWM RHONDDA

***Litany of Praise**

One: Come, let us worship with great joy!

All: Let us release the burdens that weigh us down!

One: God is about to do something new in our lives!

All: Let us praise our God with renewed spirits!

***Gloria Patri 35**

Hymn Tune: GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(11:00) Baby Dedication and Choral Response

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman and Rev. Kera Watts

Vera Marie Rhoads,

Daughter of John and Kathryn Rhoads

Granddaughter of John and Mary Rhoads

and David and Lynda Dawson

Younger sister of Sylvia Rhoads

As we worship, we are always aware that no words can adequately describe God or encompass God's nature. Feel free to say or sing "Mother" or "Creator" instead of "Father" depending on how you think about God.

We dedicate parents and the congregation to the nurture of young lives in the church. In doing so we commit to love these children through affirmation, kindness, example and patience.

FEATURED EVENTS [Register, RSVP](#) or [learn more](#) online.**INFORMATION****NEW! Listen Everywhere Assisted Hearing App**

We are now offering an assisted hearing solution through the Listen Everywhere app for iOS and Androids. Through the pairing of wi-fi streaming and this free app, high-quality audio is provided directly to users' smartphones. Hearing aids that connect to your phone should enable you to hear the Listen Everywhere Channel. It's simple to use.

Download the free [Listen Everywhere app](#), connect to [UCC's wireless network "UCC_Guest"](#) and choose the desired UCC channel. Information cards with more detailed instruction are available by the Sanctuary entrances or can be provided to you by asking an usher.

CONNECT**CONNECT DINNER**

Thursday, September 19

6:00pm • Walker Hall

Menu: Pan Seared Idaho Trout, Spanish Potatoes, Granny Smith Apple Salad with Toasted Walnuts, Red Onions, Red Beets and Blue Cheese and Cinnamon Bread Pudding Adults \$15, grades 1-12

\$7.50, college students and children 5 and younger, free. [Your paid reservation makes all the difference—pay in person at the reception desk or online.](#)

SERVE**Prom Dreams Boutique Fall Opening**

Thursdays until October 17

5:00pm-7:00pm | Prom Dreams Boutique

Help high school students "shop" for a Homecoming dress and accessories. Sign up online or drop-off gently used jewelry and/or shoes at the front reception desk. Dress donations are not needed at this time. [Contact Mary Ashley Ray, mayray413@gmail.com.](#)



SERMON NOTES

Vulnerability • John 12:1-8

“One of the hallmarks of happiness is having close, meaningful connections with others. But keeping up a facade of having it all together keeps us isolated, because it keeps us from forging real, honest, deep relationships where we can fully be ourselves and feel accepted exactly as we are.”

—Reshma Saujani,
Brave, Not Perfect: Fear Less, Fail More, and Live Bolder

“Pretentiousness repels but authenticity attracts, and vulnerability is the pathway to intimacy.”

—Rick Warren,
The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here for?

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Addison Gardner

Call to Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response

All: 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.

The Scripture in Context

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

Worship and Wonder

Scripture | John 12: 1-8

(9:00) Glynnis Paterson, reader

(11:00) Kyle Killion, reader

Congregational Response

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon | Vulnerability

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer Jesus taught his disciples. We say it together each week following the Pastoral Prayer.

11:00am worship, K-5th graders are invited to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary following the Communion Hymn.

You can find today’s scripture reading on page 106 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

There is space to take notes during the sermon on page 10 of the bulletin.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient worship responses. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

This morning's offertory anthem is based upon a text attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux, a 12th-century French abbot. The other famous hymn he authored is "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded". Today's piece, composed by Canadian composer Paul Halley, features a rhapsodic organ part that highlights this inspiring, historical text.

Doxology is a term used to describe an expression of praise to God. Feel free to sing the last phrase as "Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" if you wish.

***The Peace**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

***Hymn of Response 578, Stanzas 1, 3 & 4**
I Need Thee Every Hour
Hymn Tune: NEED

Invitation to Offering

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee • Paul Halley
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast; But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find A sweeter sound than Jesus' name, O savior of mankind!

O hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O joy of all the meek. To those who fall how kind thou art, how good to those who seek. But what to those who find? Ah! this, nor tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; In thee be all our glory now and through eternity. Amen.

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***The Doxology 47**
Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**
(9:00) Elder: Coni Hennersdorf
(11:00) Elder: Danyelle Ackall

(11:00) Communion Hymn 427
Loving Lord, as Now We Gather
Hymn Tune: RHUDDLAN

Invitation to the Table
Rev. Jessica Vacketta

The Words of Institution, Prayer for the Bread and Cup
Elder: John Andrus

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
Chant Pastoral • Theodore Dubois

***Hymn of Discipleship 439**
God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
Hymn Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

***Benediction and Choral Response**

***Ringing of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude**
Fiat Lux • Theodore Dubois

The Lord's Supper (also called communion) is a celebration of Christ's love for the world. Christ is the host and invites all to share in this meal. Our communion bread is free of gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, eggs, soy, nuts, and corn and we also use alcohol-free grape juice.

Today's postlude depicts Genesis 1:3, when God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. It starts with very soft sounds and builds gradually until the final chord ends with full organ, giving the effect of darkness turning into light.

University Christian Church is dedicated to Living the Good News of Jesus Christ with Open Minds and Loving Hearts. If you proclaim Jesus as the Christ and would like to partner with us on your journey of faith, we invite you to speak to a minister after worship