



Nov. 28- Dec. 19

Advent is about preparing ourselves to give attention to God's great gift, Jesus Christ. Sometimes we have difficulty believing we will see anything new. After all we know the story. We've heard it year after year. What could we possibly see or hear that we have not seen and heard before? This year, our hope will be to reawaken the wonder and beauty of the season of advent through the eyes and ears of artists who have gifted us with paintings, sculptures, music, movies and more, that draw us into the wonder of the Christmas story and the beauty of God's love for all creation.

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Reverend
Dr. Russ Peterman
SENIOR MINISTER

WELCOME

to University Christian Church!

Welcome to worship on this Thanksgiving Sunday. We are grateful you have chosen to be with us. Here at UCC we want you to know that you are valuable, worthy of love, and already part of what God is doing in the world. This is a place where you can experience Christ's courageous love for yourself and learn to carry that love with you **WHEREVER YOU GO.**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Worship is available at 9 am and 11 am for infants-5th graders as children in age-level groups, create and share worship together. At 10 am, Frolic Nursery program is available for infants-Twos; Playground Faith for Threes and Fours; Discovery Kids for Kindergarten-3rd grade, and Community Group, Jr.! for 4th-5th grades. Check-in and pick-up for cribs-Fours in Walker Hall Hallway outside south preschool wing. Check-in and pick-up for K-5th in Discovery Headquarters, room 211.

FEATURED EVENTS

Register, RSVP or learn more online.

FAITH FORMATION

Every Sunday Online

Faith formation is the journey of a lifetime. Looking for inspiration and encouragement to enliven your journey? Join Shannon Moore and Renee Hoke for the launch of FORMATION, a weekly conversation for followers of Jesus. New episodes are available beginning Sundays at 10am on the church website and You Tube. This week: Serving, Giving, and the Discipleship Path.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS ORDER POINSETTIAS

December 12 at 5:00 pm

Until December 13

All ages are welcome and encouraged to help assemble gift bags for 300+ children from FWISD. Volunteers are needed to work specific stations to help the night run smoothly. If you would like to help in one of these roles, we ask that you sign up in advance. If you and/or your family would simply like to fill bags, no need to sign up in advance, just show up at 5:00pm the night of the 12th to serve!

A special part of Advent are the beautiful poinsettias in our Sanctuary and throughout the building. Purchase a poinsettia to remember, honor, appreciate or celebrate the special people or events in your life or the life of the church. Order between now and December 13 for \$25 each.

Contact Jesus Hernandez at jesus.hernandez@uccftw.com for more information.

JOYS & CONCERNS

We celebrate with Elaine and Terry Small following the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia Grace Hall, September 3, 2021. Parents are Yaneya and Preston Hall.

We celebrate the birth of Mary Blake Brawner, born on November 4, 2021. Parents are Marianne & Joseph Brawner, sisters Molly and Caroline. Grandparents are Paula & Terry Drennan, and great-grandfather is Paul Madeley.

We celebrate with Peggy and Gene Ivy following the birth of their grandson, Kai Andrew Dutton, November 8, 2021. Parents are Jennifer and Drew Dutton.

We pray for Taylor & Jonathan Howell and family following the death of Taylor's aunt, Nancy Bergstrom, on November 12.

We hold in prayer the families of Benjamin George and Allison Sherwood who we dedicate today. May the covenant made with our faith community to "live so these children know they are loved by God and their church" be fully experienced as they grow.

The Shirey Family dedicates the flowers for the Sanctuary this morning in remembrance of Ron and Alpha and to commemorate their 65th wedding anniversary. Rest in Peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Pick up your Daily Advent Devotional today at either the front desk or in the gallery. It is a gift from UCC to you.

OF MANY COLORS

Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm

Of Many Colors (OMC) will present a Christmas concert titled, "I'll Be Home for Christmas" featuring Major Attaway. It will be performed in UCC's beautifully decorated Sanctuary, and admission is free.

GIFTS OF HOPE

Virtual Market Nov. 24-Dec.31. In-Person, The Gallery, Dec. 5

Give a gift that transforms lives this Christmas through our Gifts of Hope alternative giving market. Our virtual market opens this week! From school uniforms to groceries, we have 15 ministries and 35 gift options for you to choose from. Visit the Serve section of our website to learn more.

WORSHIP STAFF

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REV. DR. RUSS PETERMAN
Senior Minister

REV. RENEE HOKE
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REV. SHANNON MOORE
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LEADING MUSIC TODAY

JANET PUMMILL
Senior Organist

DR. AMY STEWART
Assistant Organist

CHANCEL GUILD

Kay Campbell, Rich Darr,
and Nancy Strickland

VIDEO AND SOUND

Rich Darr,
Bainbridge Allen,
and Jack Stewart

RADIO ANNOUNCER

Roy Gover

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #715**

Now Thank We All Our God
Hymn Tune: NUN DANKET

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*****POSTLUDE**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come • arr. Brant Adams
Janet Pummill, organ

University Christian Church is dedicated to transforming the world by living out Christ's courageous love. If you would like to partner with us on your journey of faith, we invite you to speak to a minister after worship.

Thank you for helping us prepare for other worshipers by disposing of your empty Communion items in a wastebasket as you exit the Sanctuary.

As a Green Chalice Congregation: UCC joins churches across the country in faithfully caring for God's creation.

**IN THE WORLD**

- ◆ Our Global Missionary Partner:
Elena Huegel, Mexico
- ◆ Global Ministry Intern
Erinn Miller, United Kingdom
- ◆ This week's prayer partner:
Lebanon and Mission Coworker, Leda Zakarison

Today's CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

**For the protection of our congregation and guests, UCC strongly encourages masks for all worship participants over the age of 2.*

PRELUDE

Joy and Celebration • Lee J. Afdahl
UCC Bell Ringers and Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, director

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**WELCOME**

Rev. Renee Hoke

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 718**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Hymn Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

One: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God.

All: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, and gentleness are all of God.

One: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

***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.

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

Red text is read by the congregation. Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand. Feel free to remain seated if needed.

As we worship, we are aware that no words can adequately describe God or encompass God's nature. In hymns and prayers, feel free to use language that reflects your image and understanding of God.

BABY DEDICATIONS AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rev. Kera Watts and Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

Benjamin Tyler George, son of Jacy and Matt George. Grandparents are Bonnie Griffith and Patsy George.

Allison Grace Sherwood, daughter of Lauren and Scott Sherwood, sister is Emma Sherwood. Grandparents are Steve Sherwood, Betsy Chaffee, Mary Olsen, Jill Williams, George Chaffee, Jim Olsen.

CALL TO PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

Rev. Shannon Moore

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**SCRIPTURE | LUKE 17:11-19**

Reader: 9am: Pat Muckleroy

11am: Walter Echols

You can find today's scripture reading on page 80 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON • GIVE THANKS:
AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

***THE PEACE**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #717**

Let All Things Now Living

Hymn Tune: ASH GROVE

INVITATION TO OFFERING**RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness • arr. Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir and Kelly Cornell, horn

Lyrics may be found in the Chalice Hymnal #86.

***DOXOLOGY**

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**

9am: Nancy Strickland

11am: Sue Bailey

INVITATION TO THE TABLE**PRAYER FOR THE BREAD & CUP****THE SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP**

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

Today's anthem is a festive setting of a popular hymn written by Thomas Chisholm (1866–1960) with music composed by William M. Runyan (1870–1957) in Baldwin City, Kansas. The phrase "great is thy faithfulness" comes from the Old Testament Book of Lamentations 3:23. These exact words occur in both the King James Bible and the Revised Standard Version.

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 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 we also use alcohol-free grape juice.