

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.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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, fill out the request form found at the bottom of our website or email us at pastoralcare@uccftw.com.

Assisted Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
Handicap Accessible Restrooms are located in the Gallery (2nd floor).

817-926-6631 ♦ UniversityChristian.org/Subscribe ♦ Facebook.com/uccfortworth ♦ Instagram.com/uccftw

OPEN MINDS.
LOVING HEARTS.



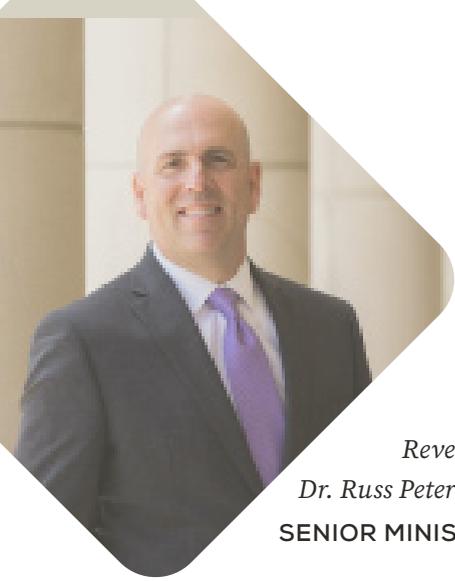
UNIVERSITY
CHRISTIAN
C H U R C H

WORSHIP BULLETIN
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

universitychristian.org

A Disciples of Christ Congregation





Reverend
Dr. Russ Peterman
SENIOR MINISTER

WELCOME

to University Christian Church!

We are so thrilled to be able to welcome you today as we begin our journey through the sacred season of Advent. For thousands of years, people of faith have taken this month to prepare for the birth of the Christ child. It is a time of longing, watching, and praying for God's healing, transformative presence to be ever more vibrantly present in the world. We are glad that you are here to join us for this journey.



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.

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. From school uniforms to groceries, we have 15 ministries and 35 gift options for you to choose from. Our online store is now open, or you can join us next Sunday for the in-person market. Visit the Serve section of our website to learn more.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Dec. 12 at 5:00 pm

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!

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 YouTube. Videos are available throughout the week. This week: First week in advent.

JOYS & CONCERNS

We surround Martha Foard in prayer following the death of her husband, Don Foard, on November 21.

We give thanks for an apartment for the Mohommodi family as they continue their resettlement from Afghanistan. We celebrate the generosity of all those in our congregation and beyond who have given their time and their resources in a demonstration of hospitality and friendship.

We celebrate with Jim and Marsha Hodges on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 20, 2021.

The Sanctuary flowers were given in memory of Dee and Lute Mosher, and Dorothy and John Ruby, parents of Steve and Nancy Mosher.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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

ADVENT PACKETS

Family Faith Advent Packets were mailed to families this week. If you would like one for your grandchildren or extended family, you may pick one up in the Arches or at the reception desk.

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.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: A LIVE NATIVITY EXPERIENCE

Dec. 19 at 4-6 pm

Walk through Bethlehem and experience the beauty and wonder of the scriptures coming to life. Animals, angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph and infant Jesus will tell the Christmas story.

WORSHIP STAFF

CLERGY

REV. DR. RUSS PETERMAN
Senior Minister

REV. RENEE HOKE
Executive Minister

REV. SHANNON MOORE
Senior Associate Minister

REV. DR. TODD PRICKETT
Minister of Music

REV. JESSICA VACKETTA
Minister of Outreach

REV. KERA WATTS
Minister of Children and Families

REV. DR. ZENA MCADAMS
Discipleship Coordinator

SUPPORT STAFF

ANN BOWLING
Childcare Coordinator

LEADING MUSIC TODAY

JANET PUMMILL
Senior Organist

DR. AMY STEWART
Assistant Organist

CHANCEL GUILD

Lori & Randy Eagleton, Ann Lesok and Mandy Teichelman

VIDEO AND SOUND

Richard Darr, Bainbridge Allen, Jack Stewart

RADIO ANNOUNCER

David Kirkman

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

9am: Laura Miller

11am: Kelli Peterman

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD & CUP

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

III. Flutes (from Variations on HYFRYDOL) • Albert L. Travis

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #125**

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL

***LIGHTING OF THE CHRISMON TREE**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

***POSTLUDE**

IV. Toccata (from Variations on HYFRYDOL) • Albert L. Travis

IN THE WORLD

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

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.

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.



Today's CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Variations on HYFRYDOL • Albert L. Travis

I. Intrada

II. Arioso

Janet Pummill, organ

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #135**

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Hymn Tune: MERLE'S TUNE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.

All: All people will see the salvation of our God.

One: Prepare the Sanctuary with greenery.

All: People, look East: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

One: Prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ.

All: We dream of a world transformed by God's love.

***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.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

9am: Rhonda and Joe Stephens
11am: Wharry-Harman Family

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. Dr. Zena McAdams

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 | ISAIAH 40:1-11

9am: Jay Fierke
11am: James Chaffin

You can find today’s scripture reading on page 667 of the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.



SERMON • PREPARE

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

***THE PEACE**

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #122, STANZAS 1-2**

Comfort, Comfort You My People
Hymn Tune: GENEVA 42

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Kim McAdams-Baker, Gifts of Hope

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel • arr. Patrick Liebergen
Chancel Choir and Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, shall come, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come to the Child, sing to Him, praise Him! Come to the King, let carols ring, sing to the Child, praise Him! Sing of His birth, praise Him on earth, sing to the Child, praise Him! Glory to God, sing praise to the Lord! Sing with joy for the Lord shall come!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

© 1990, Neil A. Kjos Music Company. All rights reserved.
OneLicense.net License A-7203212

***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.

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 combines the familiar hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" with the equally popular Ukrainian song, "Carol of the Bells". Composer Patrick Liebergen (b. 1949) is the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonee, Wisconsin. In this arrangement, Liebergen simultaneously captures the mystery of Advent and joyful anticipation of Christ’s birth.

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.