

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Sara Hindsley, cup; Prince Prem, bread

Deacons: Barbara Dunn, Beth Hindsley, Pete Pichaske, Ashley Ramirez

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Linda and Chris Bock

This Week In the Life of the Church

Monday, December 1 @ 1pm - In Person Bible Study

Tuesday, December 2 @ 7pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday December 4 @ 7pm - Bible Study on Zoom

(<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85031436417> Meeting ID: 850 3143 6417 Passcode: bible)

Coming Soon

Thursday, December 11 - NWHS items due

Saturday, December 13 - Disciples Women in Christ Event

Tuesday, December 16 all day - The Day Center FUNdraiser at Franklins Restaurant

Wednesday, December 17 @ 11:30am - Christmas Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, December 21@ 6:30pm -Longest Night service

Mission & Welcome Statement

Our congregation believes we are called by God to reflect and celebrate the love and teachings of Jesus Christ.

All people are invited to share in the life and leadership of our church, and to participate in the joys and challenges of Christian Discipleship. Our diversity is treasured. Individual differences are embraced, such as age, race, economic status, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, and physical and mental ability.

We feel empowered by the Holy Spirit to change, grow, and learn,

as we listen carefully to what God is calling us to do and be.

Especially, we hear God's call to reach out in love and service to others, promoting justice and compassion for all

God's children and all God's creation.



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UCC is LGBTQIA+ Open & Affirming and a Green Chalice Congregation

Sunday, November 30, 2025

10:45am



*Welcome to
University Christian Church*

We are glad you're here!

An all-gender/ family accessible restroom is located toward the beginning of the hallway off the narthex; men's and women's rooms are at the end of the hall.

Nursery is available for infants & toddlers; a children's quiet play area is available in the back of the sanctuary.

If this is your first time, please fill out the contact card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter.

Order of Worship

Welcome/ Announcements	John Rudenko
*Opening Song	“O Come All Ye Faithful” Chalice Hymnal #148
Advent Wreath Lighting	Suzie and Troy Hershberger and Family
Opening Prayer/	Suzie Hershberger
Song of Celebration	“One Candle is Lit” verse 1 Chalice Hymnal 128 <i>All children elementary age and younger are invited to gather in the back for Worship and Wonder in Room 3</i>
Anthem	“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence ” 17th Century French Melody arr. Kirke Mechem, UCC Choir
Scripture -Isaiah 2:1-5	Suzie Hershberger
Sermon	Rev. Marshall Dunn
*Sermon Response Song	“Comfort, Comfort You My People” Chalice Hymnal # 122
Pastoral Prayer	John Rudenko
<i>* Please stand as you are comfortable and able</i>	



Offering	Thank you for your generosity! Offerings/donations, written prayer requests, and contact cards can be placed in the plates as they are passed. If you prefer to give online, you may do so using this QR code. 
Communion Hymn	“When God is A Child” Chalice Hymnal # 132
Celebrating Communion	John Rudenko We practice an Open Table, meaning everyone is invited. Please take a kit from the tray, and serve the person next to you. We partake together once everyone is served. Each kit contains gluten-free wafers and grape juice.
*Invitation Hymn	“Angels, From the Realms of Glory” Chalice Hymnal # 149 If you would like to like to receive prayer from one of our elders, please come forward during the song or following the benediction.
Benediction	Rev. Marshall Dunn <i>*Advent theme, worship ideas, and graphics are from Illustrated Ministries; Advent Wreath Readings are from Columbia Theological Seminary. Everything is used with permission.</i> Everyone is invited to stay following worship for Fellowship Hour! Food can be taken into the sanctuary or outside.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Devotionals & Reflections	Printed devotionals are ready! Please take one per family unit. If you would like to opt-in to daily Advent reflection texts, sign up at the deacons table.
Christmas Poinsettias orders are open!	The deadline is Sunday, December 14. Orders can be placed in honor of or in memory of someone. Place orders by filling out the online order form (QR code here), or by filling out a paper form (available on the Welcome Table in the narthex). If paying by check, make the check payable to: University Christian Church and put "poinsettia order payment" on the memo line. If paying by cash, put it and the order form in an envelope with your name and poinsettia order. Don’t forget your name!
Disciples Women Christmas Gathering December 13, 2 - 4pm	All women of the church are invited to an afternoon of assembling gift bags for babies and teen parents, becoming an angel in a Christmas pageant, learning a line dance, noshing on an appetizer buffet, and just hanging out celebrating the holidays! RSVP to Ramona Crawford.
Christmas Luncheon December 17 @ 11:30 am	everyone is invited! There is a <i>suggested (not required)</i> donation of \$20/person to offset the cost of the meal. Please RSVP to Pastor Sara if you plan to attend.

