



Welcome to University Christian Church

August 31, 2025 / 10:45am

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.

Welcome/ Announcements

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*Congregational Song

CH 618- How Firm a Foundation

Call to Worship

One: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.
To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

ALL: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

One: We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

Lynn Cline, *Angels* by Amy Grant

Scripture - Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSV-UE)

Amy Pate

Sermon

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*Congregational Song

For Everyone Born

Prayer

Offering

*Thank you for your generosity! Offerings/donations, as well as 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 Song

CH 419 - All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Celebrating Communion

*We practice an Open Table, meaning everyone is invited. Please take a kit from the tray, and serve the person next to you.
We will partake together once everyone has been served. In the kits, the wafers are gluten-free and the cups contain grape juice.*

*Congregational Song

CH 688 - When in Awe of God's Creation

Benediction

** Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to stay following worship for Fellowship Hour! Food can be taken into the sanctuary or outside.

Bible Study Resumes: *The Really Really Really Big Picture!* The Bible has an amazingly huge beginning-to-end story to tell! Starting with God's creation, the problem of evil in our world, and the power of redemptive love to overcome it, ending with creation fulfilled as God's shining city on a hill.

This fall, September through December, we're going to take a step back - a big picture look at the Bible's overall story narrative, and finding a special place that God has set aside for you and me, today, in that story. We'll use that as a way to talk about the lenses through which we implicitly view the world, and explore whether American culture and modernity have distorted those lenses. Each week we make friends, listen to each other, study the Bible, listen to music, pray, and share our joys and prayer concerns - hope you can join us!

We meet on Zoom from 7 to 8:15 each week on Thursday nights, starting on September 11, 2025. Contact Jim Duff or Pastor Sara for more information.

Blessing of the Animals is scheduled for Saturday, September 27 from 11am-1pm. This will be a fun, free event for all ages - whether or not you have a pet! Invite your friends and neighbors!

Guest Preacher Next Sunday - While Pastor Sara and others are at Bethany Beach for the Congregational Retreat, Rev. Dr. Marshall Dunn will be preaching. You won't want to miss it!

Thank you to our Guest Pianist today, Claire Huang!

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Jesse Brande, cup; Linda Bock, bread
Deacons: Treedy Chapa, Chris Poell, Bhamini Prem, Bill Wallace
Fellowship Hour Host: Frank & Nancy Randall

This Week's Calendar

September 5-7 - Congregational Retreat @ Bethany Beach

Next Month & Beyond

September 26 @ 6:30pm - 20s/30s/40s Potluck & BotA Setup
September 27, 11a-1pm - Blessing of the Animals
October 1 @ 10am - Midweek Fellowship
October 11, time TBA- Rain garden Maintenance Day

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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