

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Ramona Crawford, cup; Lorel Morrison, bread
Deacons: Barbara Dunn, Sophia Fisher, Lin Orrin, Bill Wallace
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Bhamini and Prince Prem

This Week In the Life of the Church

Sunday, December 21 @ 6:30pm -Longest Night service
Monday, December 22 @ 1pm - In Person Bible Study
Wednesday, December 24 @ 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Service

Coming Soon

Saturday, January 17, 7:30am-1pm - CCCA MLK Service Project
@ Henson Valley Christian Church
Saturday, January 17 @ 2pm - Disciples Women Study

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, December 21, 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

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*Opening Song

“The First Noel” Chalice Hymnal #151 verses 1-4

Advent Wreath Lighting

Rebecca Krieger, Leah Haworth, Sommer Berg

Song of Celebration

“One Candle is Lit” verse 4 Chalice Hymnal #128

All children elementary age and younger are invited to gather in the back
for Worship and Wonder in Room 3

Anthem

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” UCC Choir

Christmas Offering Video

Scripture -Luke 1:57-80

Rebecca Krieger

Sermon

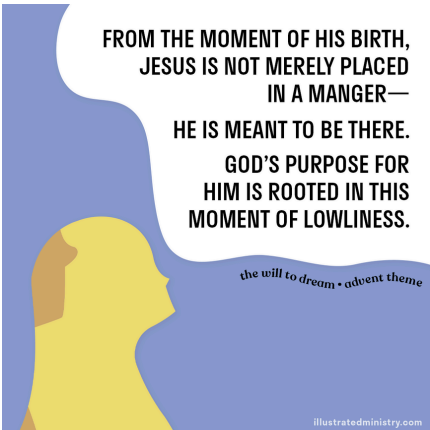
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*Sermon Response Song

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear/Love Song”

Pastoral Prayer

John Rudenko



* Please stand as you are comfortable and able

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Offering

“The Kings of Bethlehem”, words and music by Marshall Dunn

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

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Chalice Hymnal #125

Celebrating Communion

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

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

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” by Matt Maher

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. Sara Nave-Fisher

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Longest Night Service Tonight @ 6:30 Join us for a contemplative service that offers the opportunity to slow down and acknowledge that the season is not always joyous. Leave reminded that hope and light are coming, even in the bleak midwinter.

Christmas Eve Service December 24 @ 7pm Everyone is invited to stay following the service for a special time of Christmas fellowship - whether you want to grab a cookie and go, or sit and stay for a while to enjoy post-worship Christmas Cheer! You are welcome to bring a snack or cookies to share, but it is not necessary. Contact Jim or Amparo Duff for more information.

No Choir Practice This Week

Both Bible Studies On Hiatus Until 2026 Please read the weekly eNews for more information.

Unhanging of the Greens January 4 Un-decorating Help Needed! Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 4, to help us take down the Advent & Christmas decorations, and restore our building for the new year! Many hands make light work!