

**Thank you to those serving today:**

Elders: Marcia Mityga, cup; Prince Prem, bread  
Deacons: Barbara Dunn, Beth Hindsley, Chris Poell, Patty Rhule  
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Barbara Dunn, Leah Williams

**This Week In the Life of the Church**

Monday, December 8 @ 1pm - In Person Bible Study  
Tuesday, December 9 @ 7pm - Choir Rehearsal  
Thursday December 11 @ 7pm - Bible Study on Zoom  
(<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85031436417> Meeting ID: 850 3143 6417 Passcode: bible)  
Thursday, December 11 - NWHS items due  
Saturday, December 13 2-4pm- Disciples Women Christmas Gathering

**Coming Soon**

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, December 7, 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		
CAROL	“Christians All, Your Lord is Coming” Chalice Hymnal # 136	
Advent Wreath Lighting		The Smith Family
CHOIR	“Mary Had a Baby” Trad. Spiritual, arr. William Dawson	
Reader 1		Sophia Fisher
Interlude		Daniel Hindsley as John the Baptist
Reader 2		Penny Nelkin
Reader 3		Ransom Fisher
Reader 4		Kira Smith
CAROL	“People, Look East” Chalice Hymnal # 142	
Reader 5		Lennox Fisher
CHOIR	“Breath of Heaven” by Chris Eaton and Amy Grant arr. Craig Courtney	
Reader 6		George Meyer
CAROL	“What Child is This?” Chalice Hymnal # 162	
Interlude		Colton Quick
Reader 7		Penny Nelkin
CHOIR	“Shepherd’s Farewell” by Hector Berlioz	
Reader 9		Diane Smith
Reader 10		Daniel Hindsley
CAROL	*all verses “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” Matt Maher	

*\* Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Sara Nave Fisher
Offering	<i>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.</i>	
CAROL	“Silent Night, Holy Night” Chalice Hymnal # 145	
Celebrating Communion	Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher <i>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.</i>	
*CAROL	“Go Tell It On the Mountain” Chalice Hymnal # 167  <i>If you would like to like to receive prayer from one of our elders, please come forward during the song or following the benediction.</i>	
Benediction	Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher  <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>  <i>Everyone is invited to stay following worship for Fellowship Hour! Food can be taken into the sanctuary or outside.</i>	

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Poinsettias orders Due Soon!** 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 *suggested (not required)* donation of \$20/person to offset the cost of the meal. Please RSVP to Pastor Sara if you plan to attend. A sign up sheet is on the Deacon Table in the Narthex