



November 26, 2017

University Church of Christ exists by the grace of God to be a loving fellowship praising God by living and telling the good news of Jesus.

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How Great is Our God

Worship Leader Jacob Groves

If you would like to have someone pray with you, or for you, please make your way to Room 101 at the end of service where there are UCC members waiting just for you.

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at www.uccabilene.org.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Welcome to UCC! This week was Thanksgiving, so we may have travelers and special guests today. We hope and pray everyone had a safe and happy holiday week. If you are visiting with us, thank you for coming our way. Please fill out a **Connections Card** to share contact information, request prayer, or maybe even tell us you want to be a UCC member. Drop it in the offering plate or submit at uccabilene.org/card.

Today we begin a short sermon series I'm calling **Wait for It: A Gospel Journey Through Advent**. Over the next few Sundays-right up to Christmas Eve-we will be looking at the arrival of Jesus in the world through the eyes of the different Gospel writers and talking about the meaning of the Advent season. This morning, let's back up into the Old Testament and think about Jesus' coming long before it happened, using the prophecy of Ezekiel 34. Centuries before Bethlehem, God promised to send his people *one good shepherd!* Today: **Divine Arranger: God as Our Shepherd**. Our worship leader today is **Jacob Groves**.

Adult Education Minute: Today our adult classes started a new Advent series called **Christ's Coming and Promised Return**. This fine material is being prepared by **Chris Willerton**. Each week we will look at various texts about the Advent of Jesus. Have you found an adult class? We invite each of you to join us next Sunday at 9 a.m. for Week Two (read ahead in Isa 40; Ps 85; 2 Pet 3; and Mk 1).

New Wednesday classes! This Wednesday we begin a new four-week Family Room class series with **Mac Ice** called **We Are What We Sing: Forming Faith in 20th Century Churches of Christ**. Our Conversations class (MAC 501) begins a new four-week series with **Andie Wearden** and **Jarrod King** talking about **An Inclusive Church: Disabilities in Faith Communities**.

Calendar Notes:

- **UCC Christmas Party** - Sunday, December 10, 5 p.m.
- **UCC Office Closed** - December 22, 25; January 1
- **No 9 a.m. classes/10 a.m. worship only** - Sunday, Dec. 24
- **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** - Sunday, Dec. 24, 6 p.m.
- **No Wednesday PM classes or activities** - Wednesday, Dec. 27
- **No 9 a.m. classes/10 a.m. worship only** - Sunday, Dec. 24

CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sanctuary - 8 p.m.

NURSERY FACILITIES

For your convenience, nursery facilities are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center.

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 336	Northern Oaks - 30
Bilingual - N/A	Chisholm Place - N/A
Coronado - 62	Silver Springs - N/A

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: Austin B., Kaua A., Lorena Z., Alyssa G.

Special Children's Church: Today all children three years old through fifth grade are invited to attend our time together as we focus our hearts and minds on the true meaning of this holiday time.

Wednesday Night Helpers: I need at least two volunteers on Wednesday evening for the next four Wednesday nights. If you would be willing to help, please contact **Jennifer Welch**.

LTC: A Leadership Training for Christ interest meeting for parents of children in third through fifth grade will take place directly after service on Sunday, Dec. 10 at a location to be named later. LTC is a fantastic program that helps "young Christians to develop their knowledge of the Bible and biblical principals, enhance their communication and leadership skills, and orient their energies and abilities to areas of Christian service." For more information, come to the meeting or see Eric Lemmons.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight: We will not have small groups tonight. Grab some friends and hang out, or enjoy the time with your family.

Coming up: Next week, the teal group will be at the **Sprotts'** house and the purple group still needs a host. The UCC Christmas Party will be Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. in the MAC.

Check out **Facebook** for more activities and info, including sign-ups for summer small groups.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will meet at the Steeles' house (1451 Yeomans) at 5 p.m. for small group.

Wednesday we will meet at 7 p.m. for coffee, dessert and Bible study in MAC 504.

Don't forget to join us for **class** on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in MAC 504.

Check out our **Facebook** page (search *UCC Gatherings*) for more events and info.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Minister
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Welcome: We would like to welcome any college students with us today.

Class: Our Sunday morning class begins at 9 a.m. in MAC 503.

Dwelling Place, a time of fellowship, discussion and worship, meets Sundays at 6 p.m. (MAC 503).

Community Groups, our small groups, meet Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Fun and Free Time Tonight: Not sure how many of us are back from Thanksgiving break, so we're going to be a little flexible tonight. Join us from 5-7 p.m. as we have some fun, games and snacks. If enough of us are present, we might go play some flag football or something. See you tonight!

Huddles Resume Wednesday: Our small-group Huddles will continue this Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. The **HS Huddle** will meet at the home of the **Scudders** (658 E.N. 22nd Street), and the **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center. Think of someone to invite for this time of sharing, prayer, study, fun and snacks.

Sign up for CRADtalks: We have already started CRADtalks back up for the semester! Our goal is to leave with a plan for growing deeper in relationship with God and praying over anything for which you may want prayer. Guys will generally just go out with Jason, and girls will go out with Jason and Karla or just Karla. So, let us know when you can meet.

NOTES

Today's **5 p.m. Chapel Service** will be led by Kyle Bowen as the speaker.

We will have **Sanctuary** tonight at 8 p.m. in the UCC Chapel.

Flapjacks and Flannel: The 2017 UCC Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10 in the MAC from 5-6:30 p.m. There will be several forms of entertainment and a visit from a special guest from up north. Make plans to attend, wear your flannel and come enjoy a country Christmas with pancakes, toppings, sausage and a hot chocolate bar.

Ladies' Bible Class will resume in January.

Join us for **Ask, Seek, Knock**, our prayer time on Thursday at noon.

Have you picked up your new church directory sheets? Please take one copy per family and place it in your existing directory binder. If you don't have a binder from the 2014 edition, let us know. If something or someone is missing, or we need to add someone, don't worry, we'll do an update page soon for new members as well as current member updates.

Would you like to be involved in worship without being at the podium? Would you like to help run the sound board, the slides or the live video on Sunday mornings? Are you a teenager or adult who enjoys technology? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we have a place for you on the **UCC Media Team**. For more info, or to volunteer, see **Joey Roberts**.

The **UCC Security Team** needs some more volunteers to help walk around the building and help report anything suspicious. You would serve one Sunday a month, you don't have to be armed, but you do need to be willing to work as a team to keep our building and members safe. Contact **Jim Holmans** if you are interested in helping with this ministry at holmansj@acu.edu or call 674-4974.

PRAYER LIST

UCC ELDERS

Steve Austin
Richard Cox
Mark Hamilton
Eddie Mahanay
Paul Rotenberry
Kris Southward, chair
Mark Tate
James Thompson
Gustavo Villanueva

Submit your bulletin items to Joey Roberts before noon on Wednesday.