



December 16, 2018

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.

### WORSHIP

Welcome | Family News Bradley Steele

#### Call to Worship (Isaiah 12:2-6)

4 To God be the Glory

202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Prayer Ted Presley

622 Ring Out the Message

346 He Lives

Communion Bo Green

#### Matthew 26:26-29

Bread

Cup

337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

Offering

#### Childrens' Church

560 Living By Faith

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Sandra Milholland

The Sounding Joy Brent Isbell

1018 Joy to the World

#### Benediction (Romans 15:13)

Worship Leader Mark Tate

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

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org).

### REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister  
[brent@uccabilene.org](mailto:brent@uccabilene.org)

**Good Morning!** Welcome to University Church. Today we continue our Advent series by lighting the third candle and considering **The Sounding Joy** we repeat every year as Christmas grows closer. Our worship leader today is **Mark Tate**.

**Advent** is an old church practice that marks the beginning of a new Christian calendar. Advent means "arrival" and celebrates the incarnation of Christ at Bethlehem, preparing our hearts and lives for the coming season. Like many of our practices—having Bible classes, offering an invitation at the end of the sermon, singing in four-part harmony—Advent is not from the Bible. Yet we strive to borrow the best from our larger Christian heritage, leaving behind things that don't seem right or helpful. Using the weeks before Christmas to focus on hope, peace, joy, and love seems like a good and helpful tradition to encourage our faith.

**Adult Education Minute:** Today our adult classes continued our church-wide Advent study, **Feasting on the Word**. Our focus today is **What Do We Do Now?** **Note:** We will have no 9 a.m. classes the next two Sundays, December 23 and 30. We will resume classes on January 6.

Our **White Christmas** party last Sunday evening was outstanding! If you missed it, you missed a lot of fun. We had a great crowd, and our volunteers—led by **Liz Rotenberry**—hit a home run! The food we ate, our children's program, the table games, the special singing groups (**Dave and Karen Swearingen; Joyce Cole, Jeannette Lipford and daughter Cindy**) were great. Thanks to all who served and helped in any way. You set a high bar for next year!

**Wednesdays.** This is the last week of our Family Room video series **That the World May Know**, with **Steve Austin** and me co-hosting. In **Conversations** (MAC 501), **Doug Foster** concludes his presentation on **Churches of Christ, 1960-2018: How Have We Changed, How Are We Changing?** How have recent changes altered the face of Churches of Christ in America? **Note:** We will have no Wednesday classes on December 26 and January 2. We resume on January 9.

#### Calendar Notes:

- UCC Office Closed** - Dec. 24-26; Jan. 1
- No 9 a.m. classes / 10 a.m. worship only** - Dec. 23, 30
- No Wednesday PM classes or activities** - Dec. 26, Jan. 2
- Candles and Carols Service** - Dec. 24, 6-7 p.m. (Chapel)

#### CLASS TIMES:

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

#### WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.  
Sanctuary - 7 p.m.

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#### NURSERY FACILITIES

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

#### ATTENDANCE: Dec. 9 2018

Worship - 267 Silver Springs - 36  
Bilingual - 74 Chisholm Place - 12  
Coronado - 58

#### OFFERING:

Dec. 9 \$15,076.25

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Children's Church Helpers:** M. Trammell,  
N. Bryce

**Holiday Visit:** If your family would like to bless one of our UCC members with a Christmas visit, please **stop by the welcome desk after church and pick up a Christmas gift sack**. Each sack will have the name and address of the member you are to visit. They will enjoy the gift and the sweet visit from your family.

**No Children's Church on December 30 or January 6.**

*"Glory to God, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."* **Luke 2:14**

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria**  
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We would like to welcome any college students with us today.

**Class:** No college class this morning. If you're in town, we encourage you to join another group for class.

**Sanctuary:** A time of fellowship, discussion and worship in the chapel at 7 p.m. *This is our last Sanctuary for the semester.* There will be no meal before.

**Community Group:** No more community group for this semester.

If we don't see you before you leave, have a wonderful and restful Christmas break!

## 20's & 30's

**Bradley Steele**, Associate Minister  
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**Tonight**, check Facebook page for more details.

**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.

## BILINGUAL MINISTRY

**Vini Montesdeoca**, Bilingual Minister  
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**Fellowship:** *"Preparing for the birth of Jesus"*. Dec. 19, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center.

**Ladies** prayer group will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Every lady is invited to join us for dinner and prayer time.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**UYM Christmas Party Tonight:** We will have our annual Youth Group Christmas party tonight from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. We will have fun, games, a Christmas movie and a delicious potluck meal cooked by you! That's right, I want teens to cook! I have created a potluck sign-up list at <https://tinyurl.com/uymparty> so please sign up for an item before what you want has been taken. We will have a final vote on the Christmas movie in class this morning.

**No DEEP Today:** Because of our Christmas Party tonight, we will not have DEEP this week.

**Last Huddles of 2018 on Wednesday Night:** We will conclude our normal small-group Huddles of 2018 on Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. The **HS Huddle** will meet at the Scudder Home, just a half-mile down Campus Ct. The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center. Everyone is asked to think of someone whom they can invite each week to join them for this time of sharing, prayer, study and fun. This is where we want our group to grow from as we relax in the middle of our week to share, pray, study and grow together. Did I mention there will always be snacks too?

**Activity Schedules:** If you or your kids have any activities (school or otherwise) coming up, please let Jason know so we can plan to make it out to support them.

**Sign up for a CRADtalk:** CRADtalks are "Conversations Worth Having" with Jason and/or Karla Craddock. During these conversations there will be a little small talk but we want to dive into our students' spiritual lives, offering some coaching and strategies for spiritual growth and just focus on building students up. 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 either Jason and Karla or just Karla. So, please let us know when you can get together and we will set up for some time at Sonic, over coffee, or somewhere else.

## TRANSITIONS

**Andrew Huddleston**  
[huddleston\\_andrew@yahoo.com](mailto:huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com)

**Tonight**, we will meet at the Gibbs' home at 5 p.m.

There will be **no small groups until January**. Enjoy your holiday!

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** Will be Monday, December 24 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. Come join us!

**Save the Date.** Austin Britten's Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be on Sunday afternoon, **January 13**. More details to come!

We rejoice with **Hal Howell and the Prison Ministry**. For the month of November, **70 men were baptized**, bringing the **total to 671** for this year. For this we praise God for all He does.

This Sunday, (Dec. 16) is our **last Sanctuary** of the year. We will start again on January 6 at 7 p.m.

**Last 5 p.m. Chapel** of the year will be this Sunday. Hal Howell will be our speaker and Art Rosenquist will be leading songs. We will resume on January 6.

University members and friends can **stay connected** with UCC via Facebook. Like the Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene](http://www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene).

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## UCC ELDERS

Tim Archer  
Steve Austin  
Mark Hamilton  
Ted Presley  
Paul Rotenberry  
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David Swearingen  
Mark Tate (Sabbatical)  
James Thompson  
Rusty Towell

**Chair**  
Gustavo Villanueva

Please submit your bulletin items to Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday.  
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