



# Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 23, 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 (Psalm 80:1-7)

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

*What the Lord Has Done in Me*

Prayer Hal Howell

226 *Come Thou Fount*

490 *It is Well*

Communion Topher Fangio

### John 13:1-14

#### Bread

410 *He Leadeth Me*

#### Cup

410 *He Leadeth Me*

#### Offering

### Childrens' Church

*Revelation Song*

### Micah 5:2-5a

*The Wonders of His Love* Brent Isbell

*Be Unto Your Name*

### Benediction (Philippians 4:7)

Worship Leader Jeremy Meeks

*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  
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**Welcome to University Church.** Christmas is only two days away! Today we conclude our **Candles of Advent** series by lighting the fourth candle of the season. Today we focus on **The Wonders of His Love**. Our worship leader today is **Jeremy Meeks**.

**Candles and Carols** is tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. in the UCC Chapel. This is a simple candlelight Christmas Eve service. Several of our brothers and sisters will lead us in prayers, carols, reading Scripture, sharing the Lord's Supper, and lighting the Christ Candle, the final candle of the season. Bring your family and friends and join us for a special reminder of what this time of year is truly about.

**Adult Education Minute:** Today and next Sunday (Dec. 30) our 9 a.m. adult classes do not meet. We take a short holiday break to give our teachers and class members a chance to travel, be with family, etc. On January 6, we pick up our **Feasting on the Word** series. Then we will begin a new series—**Pilgrim Heart: The Way of Jesus in Everyday Life**—on January 13.

**Wednesdays.** This week (Dec. 26) and next week (Jan. 2) our regular Wednesday classes do not meet. We will resume on January 9 with brand-new studies.

### Calendar Notes:

**Candles and Carols Service** - Dec. 24, 6-7 p.m. (Chapel)

**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

### CLASS TIMES:

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

### WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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### NURSERY FACILITIES

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

### ATTENDANCE: Dec. 16 2018

Worship - 279 Silver Springs - 17  
Bilingual - 56 Chisholm Place - 11  
Coronado - 57 Northern Oaks - 30

### OFFERING:

Dec. 16 \$28,480.50

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
~ **Charles Wesley**

Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

**Children's Church Helpers:** Valeria Zuniga,  
Alyssa Garza, Karla Ciriaco.

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

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria**  
[campus@uccabilene.org](mailto:campus@uccabilene.org)

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.

No Sanctuary or community group this week.  
Enjoy your Christmas break!

## 20's & 30's

**Bradley Steele**, Associate Minister  
[bradley@uccabilene.org](mailto:bradley@uccabilene.org)

**Tonight**, check Facebook page for more details.

**Today**, there will be no 9 a.m. class.

We won't have class this **Wednesday, Dec. 26.**

## TRANSITIONS

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

There is no small group tonight.

Have a Merry Christmas!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**No Activity Today:** We will not have evening  
activities tonight or next Sunday, because of the  
Christmas holidays. Have a great time with family  
and friends.

**Winterfest Update:** Some have asked, but we  
have decided to try something different this year  
instead of Winterfest. Winterfest has always been  
so difficult since it is so close to Christmas break,  
and money is often tight for families too. So,  
instead we are planning guys' and girls'  
mini-retreat getaways at a ranch house in  
February and a full group retreat later in the  
Spring. We talked with the teens about this on  
Sunday and overall they were excited about  
trying something different. We will have dates  
soon for the  
mini-retreats.

**Huddles Resume:** January 9, 2019: Our  
small-group Huddles will be on a brief hiatus  
during the holiday break but will resume,  
Wednesday, January 9 at the same time and  
locations.

**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.

## BILINGUAL MINISTRY

**Vini Montesdeoca**, Bilingual Minister  
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**Ladies** prayer group will meet on Tuesday at 6:30  
p.m. Every lady is invited to join us for dinner  
and prayer time. Call the church office for more  
information.

Join us on **Dec. 31** in the Family Room for New  
Year's Eve and a New Year's Party.  
More details soon.

## 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!

**5 p.m. Chapel** and **7 p.m. Sanctuary** will resume on **January 6.**

Thank you so much for the flowers, calls and visits, they were appreciated. It's  
comforting to have such a caring Church family. **In Christian Love, Roma Lee  
Aberegg**

Thanks to **Lenis Zuniga**, all of our kitchens are looking great.  
Please remember that we are all responsible for taking care of our facilities. So, if you  
use something in one of the kitchens, please wash it and put it back where it belongs.  
Thanks for helping us to maintain our facilities in good shape.

## UCC ELDERS

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

**Chair**  
Gustavo Villanueva

Please submit your  
bulletin items to  
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noon on Wednesday.  
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