If you're new to UCC, or to Churches of Christ, welcome! We want you to feel at home.

BE OUR guest

Worship Practices

Why do we sing a cappella? Churches of Christ have a rich tradition of singing without musical instruments. This enables us to focus on the words of the songs and enjoy the harmony of our voices. Some sing various musical parts (as projected on the side screens). If this seems confusing, just follow along with the song leader (words projected in the middle).

Why do we stand when reading scripture? We do this as a sign of respect to distinguish the Word of God from any other words that are spoken during worship. For the Lord's Supper reading, we sit to signify sitting at the table with Jesus.

What is the Lord's Supper, and who takes it? The Lord's Supper (communion) originated when Jesus ate with his disciples before his crucifixion. During that meal, Jesus took bread and broke it for his disciples to eat. He also took cup of wine and shared it with them. Jesus said to them, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the communion trays are passed, you will have the opportunity to eat the bread and drink the wine (grape juice), just as Jesus and his disciples did. We welcome all who wish to remember and celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus to participate.

Do I need to give during the offering? The offering is collected from UCC members to support the ministry of the church. Some give when the plates are passed. Many others give online. Anyone is welcome to give, but visitors should feel no obligation to do so.

Guest Information

What is Children's Church?
Listening to a sermon can be difficult for young children. Most weeks, we have an optional Children's Church service for children ages 3 through 2nd grade.
An announcement will be made when it is time for Jennifer Welch, our Children's Minister, to lead the children to the place they gather for worship. She will return them to the Sanctuary before the end of service.

What if my child is crying or needs to move around? We love the sound of babies! If your baby or toddler becomes restless, we have a toddler's area in the back of the Sanctuary to allow children to move around. A moms-only sitting room in the rear foyer provides a comfortable space for nursing or feeding your baby. A staffed nursery is also available in the Early Childhood Center.

Servicio Bilingüe en la Capilla – Si deseas adorar a Dios en español, te invitamos a unirte a nuestro servicio especial en la capilla at 10 a.m.
¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Next Steps

What are the Guest Connection Cards? These cards on the back of the pew in front of you provide a way for us to reach out to you and pray for you if you would find that helpful. Please complete the card and drop it in the collection plate when it is passed.

Who can I talk to if I have a spiritual, physical or emotional need? Our Lead Minister, Bradley Steele, would love to meet with you after service. Or feel free to call the church office if you'd rather come by at another time.

Campus Map
Scan this code for a map of our facilities.
uccabilene.org/map

Connection Card
Scan this code to fill out your connection card online.
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WEEKLY focus

A GUIDE FOR WORSHIP & LIFE TOGETHER

Welcome to UCC!

We're so glad you've joined us for worship this morning. This guide is here to help you engage fully in today's service and to support your spiritual practices throughout the week. Inside, you'll find today's songs, Scripture readings, and the names of those participating in worship.

If you're a guest, the back page explains some of our worship practices—things that might be new or different to you. We hope these notes make you feel more at home as we worship and live life together here at UCC.

In the center pages, you'll discover family news, upcoming events, Bible classes, small group opportunities, and a list of our church family members who need prayer. You'll also find Scripture readings for the week to nurture your spirit, plus contact information for our ministers and shepherds.

We invite you to explore these pages, pray over the sick, rejoice with those celebrating milestones, lift up our ministers, shepherds and staff, and walk with us through the week's daily readings.

May this guide help you connect more deeply with God and with our church family.

Worship Slides
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UCC UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship

Doxology

Welcome & Call to Worship
Sara Trammell

All Who Are Thirsty

Shepherd's Prayer
James Thompson

Whiter than Snow

Isaiah 1:10-18
Marcia Moore

Lord Speak to Me

Luke 19:1-10
Today's Message

Salvation Belongs to Our God
Be With Me, Lord

Communion & Offering
Mark 14:22-25
Daniel Garcia

In Memory of the Savior's Love

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Benediction

Worship Leader: Jeremy Meeks

Today's Message

"That Which Was Lost"

Luke 19:1-10

Bradley Steele

November 2, 2025

Children's Ministry (Birth–5th Grade)

Outreach Opportunity: Families, if you would be willing to visit one of our members, Jennifer has a fall bag with a member's name and address to visit. Please contact Jennifer to pick up a bag.

Youth Ministry (6th–12th Grade)

The Youth Group will not meet this evening.

Huddles continue this Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. Middle schoolers will meet in the Youth Center and high schoolers will be at the Santiago's home.

Campus Ministry (Students & Non-Students)

Sunday Lunch: Join us right after worship for a free lunch just for college students in the MAC (Gym). Come enjoy good food, connect with friends, and meet some new faces.

F·R·I·E·N·D·S in High Places Small Group: Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for a relaxed time of Scripture, prayer and discussion.

Bilingual Ministry (Open to All)

The Bilingual Ministry meets at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning for class in room 109, and worship at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.

News & Notes

Birthday Cards Needed— Bertha Roggendorff is turning 90 on November 4. If you would like to send her a birthday card, you can send it to 1250 EN 10, Apt 236, Abilene, TX 79601.

Holiness in Secular Literature?— The Conversations Class will be starting a new series this Wednesday. There will be conversations about finding spiritual themes and encouragement from poems and short stories written by secular authors. The class will be taught by Cole Bennett.

Ladies' Bible Class — Ladies Bible Class this Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. Naoma Parks will be this week's teacher.

Wednesday Night Supper — Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 p.m. in the MAC. This week we will serve tacos.

Save the Date — The Children's and Youth Ministries are going to have a family event on Sunday, November 9. Families, mark your calendars to attend. More details to come!

LIFT Card Night — Ladies, join the LIFT Ministry for a card night on November 11 from 6-8 p.m. in the Family Room.

Wedding Shower — Save the date for a wedding shower honoring Taylor Watson and Austin Britten on Saturday, November 15, from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Family Room. The couple is registered on Zola. Austin is the son of Vicki and Sam Britten.

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Online Giving

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Nurseries Available

A nursing room is located in the foyer at the back of the Sanctuary. An attended nursery is available during worship in the Early Childhood Center for your convenience.

Wednesday Bible Class Offerings

All classes begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- **Graduate Student Bible Study -** MAC 501 (starts at 5)
- **Conversations** - MAC 501 - Holiness in Secular Literature?
- **Wednesday Recharge** - MAC 502 – Currently watching Season 5 of "The Chosen" as a group. This is open to all.
- **Campus Ministry** - MAC 503 (starts at 6:30)
- **The Bridge** - MAC 504
- **20s & 30s** - Main Building, Room 101
- **Bilingual Ministry** - Main Building, Room 109
- **Youth Ministry** - Main Building, Youth Center
- **3-18 Months** - Early Childhood Center, Room 302
- **18-24 Months** - Early Childhood Center, Room 305
- **Two-Four Year Olds** - Early Childhood Center, Room 309
- **Kindergarten-Fifth Grade** - Main Building, Room 231

Sacred Rhythms for Life

Spiritual disciplines are practices that deepen our relationship with God. Through prayer, Scripture, and worship, we create space to hear His voice and align our wills with His own.

Midday Prayer — Join us Tuesdays & Thursdays at noon in the Chapel for Scripture, prayer, and space to breathe. Together we'll read daily passages, lift up one another's needs in prayer, and be encouraged by timeless Christian prayers.

Our Readings for this week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

Monday, November 3
Semi-continuous: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 2:12-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
Complementary: Psalm 50; Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31; 1 Cr. 5:9-13

Tuesday, November 4
Semi-continuous: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:1-16 ; Jude 1:5-21
Complementary: Psalm 50; Zechariah 7:1-14 ; Jude 1:5-21

Wednesday, November 5
Semi-continuous: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:17-19; Luke 19:11-27
Complementary: Psalm 50; Amos 5:12-24; Luke 19:11-27

Thursday, November 6
Semi-continuous: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zch. 1:1-17; Acts 22:22-23:11
Complementary: Psalm 17:1-9; Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Acts 22:22-23:11

Friday, November 7
Semi-continuous: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zch. 6:9-15; Acts 24:10-23
Complementary: Psalm 17:1-9; Genesis 38:1-26; Acts 24:10-23

Saturday, November 8
Semi-continuous: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Haggai 1:1-15a; Luke 20:1-8
Complementary: Psalm 17:1-9; Exodus 3:13-20; Luke 20:1-8

Lift Up In Prayer

Don Baber
Shirley Baber
Troy Franklin
Lucy Hatch
Marshal Kellar
Diane King
Eddie Mahanay
Imogene McAnulty
Tom Milholland
Mike Nance
Kelly Roberts
David Swearingen

Prayer Prompts

Pray for courage to live by faith, not fear. Hab. 2:4

Pray for for delight in God's word. Ps. 119:137-144

Pray for growing faith and steadfast love. 2 Thess. 1:3-4

Pray to welcome Jesus with joy. Lk 19:6

Pray to seek and restore the lost. Lk. 19:10

"When joy is gone and hearts are sick, O God, you give us Christ as our healing balm. He came in human flesh that he might give himself as a ransom for our salvation and anoint us with the Spirit of consolation and joy. Hear the cry of your people, that we may rejoice in the richness of your love and be faithful stewards of your many gifts. Amen."

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