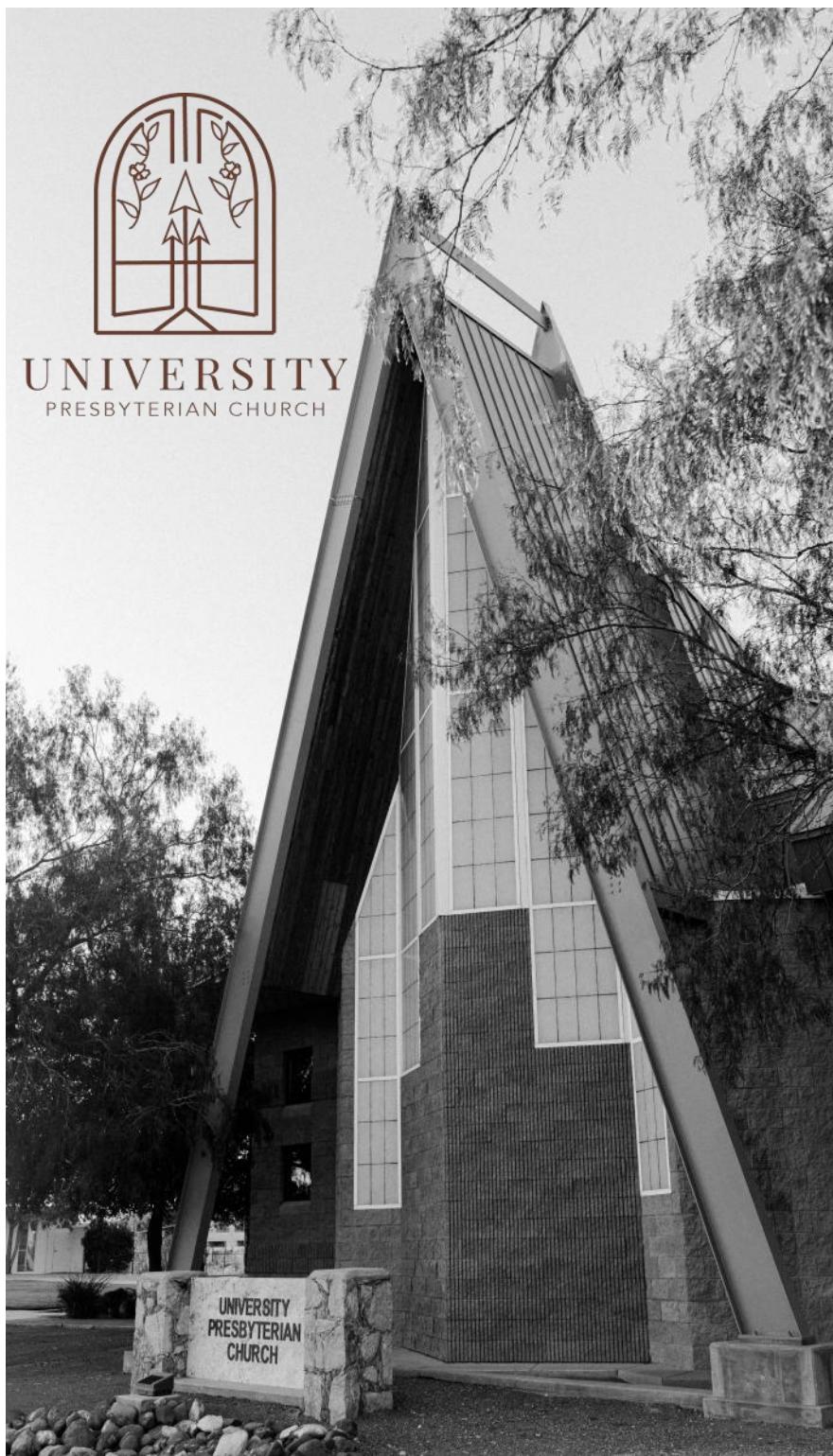




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



S U N D A Y

WORSHIP

January 25, 2026

We aim to be a *hospitable people* rooted in the *Word*, in *worship*, and *prayer*—and we are *committed to cultivating disciples* in our homes, our church, and the world around us.

Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Welcome

We are so glad you're here today! Whether it's your first time at UPC or your first time at church altogether, we just want you to know that you're welcome here.



*Scan & connect
with us!*

If you have any questions about what you are seeing today, becoming members, or life at UPC, we invite you to reach out.

We invite you to connect with our Deacons at UPCdeacons@upclc.com.

Preparing for worship

Jesus invites us to come as we are, knowing He will not leave us there. So, we invite you to take a few moments of quiet reflection before the service to prepare your heart for worship.

Parents with small children

We understand parenting is challenging! In an effort to support you, we offer a staffed nursery for our youngest ones (ages 0-3) during each worship service. Our hope, however, is for our children to participate in corporate worship as soon as they are able.

Sharing a prayer request

Prayer is the communication of our desires to God our Father.

Prayer is not simply thinking about God or having concerns.

Rather, prayer is expressing need from the heart to God.



*Scan to share your
prayer concern*

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Congregation: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

Congregation: And he is to be held in awe above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

1 Chronicles 16:23-27

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

***“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

Trinity 32

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.



Call to Worship

A formal invitation to the congregation to enter corporate worship. It is drawn from Scripture and unites the congregation in acknowledging God's presence and preparing their hearts for worship.

* Please stand if you're able.

Unresting, unhasting
And silent as light;
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might.
Thy justice, like mountains,
High soaring above;
Thy clouds, which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory,
Pure Father of light;
Thine angels adore Thee
All veiling their sight.
All praise we would render,
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth Thee.

Walter Chambers Smith
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Call to Confession

An invitation to bring our sins before the LORD. Because of Christ's work on the cross, we can confess freely, knowing that in Him, there is no condemnation, only grace and restoration.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ...
You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

...

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ...

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Words of Assurance

These words are an invitation to rest in God's grace. He declares that all who repent and believe in Jesus are completely forgiven from all of their sins, and their guilt wiped clean.

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ...

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 5:20, 48; 6:1, 33; 7:12

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior has done for us. Regard not what we have made ourselves; but what he is made unto us of you, our God.

O that Christ may be to every one of our souls, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption! That his precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins; and that your Holy Spirit may renew and sanctify our souls. May he crucify our flesh with its affections and lusts, and mortify all our members which are upon earth. O let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey in the lusts thereof; but being made free from sin, let us be the servants of righteousness. Amen.

John Wesley

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:8–10

* Please stand if you're able.

Congregation: Amen

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: The Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will sing your praise.

***“All Things New”**

Bonar/Wells

Come Lord, and tarry not;
Bring the long looked for day.
O, why these years of waiting here,
These ages of decay?
Come, for thy saints still wait;
Daily ascends their sigh.
The Spirit and the Bride say,
"Come"—Dost thou not hear our cry?

[Chorus]

O, come and make all things new,
Come and make all things new,
O, come and make all things new.
Build up this ruined earth;
Come and make all things new.

Come, for creation groans,
Impatient of thy stay

* Please stand
if you're able.

Worn out with these long years of woe,
These ages of delay.
Come, for love waxes cold,
Its steps are faint and slow;
Faith now is lost in unbelief,
Hope's lamp burns dim and low.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Still, My Soul, Be Still”

Still, my soul, be still
And do not fear
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow
God is at your side
No longer dread
The fires of unexpected sorrow

[Chorus]

God, You are my God
And I will trust in You and not be shaken
Lord of peace renew
A steadfast spirit within me
To rest in You alone

Still, my soul, be still
Do not be moved
By lesser lights and fleeting shadows



Tithes and Offerings

We give back to God the portion of our wealth and talents that he calls his in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online.

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Scan to Give

* Please stand if you're able.

Hold onto His ways
With shield of faith
Against temptation's flaming arrows

Still, my soul, be still
Do not forsake
The Truth you learned in the beginning
Wait upon the Lord
And hope will rise
As stars appear when day is dimming

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***“Doxology”**

Trinity 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Allelulia, allelulia!
Praise him above, ye heavn'ly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Allelulia, allelulia,
Allelulia, allelulia, allelulia!

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***SCRIPTURE READING**

Jon Cheney
John 17:1-5

Leader: If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

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if you're able.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

SERMON: "Knowing God"

Pastor

CONFession OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary;
 suffered under Pontius Pilate;
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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if you're able.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

THE LORD'S SUPPER

All those who have publicly professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, are repentant of their sins, and are baptized members of a church where the gospel is loved and proclaimed are warmly invited to participate in the Lord's Supper with us. For those of you who have not yet trusted in Jesus, please let these elements pass by you. We would love to talk to you about your relationship with the Lord after the service.



The Lord's Supper

We invite those seated closest to the pulpit to come to the table first. Please file through outer

Wine is in the clear cups; juice is in the purple cups.

Please take the bread as you receive it. Hold onto the cup, as we will drink it together, signifying our unity in the body of Christ.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

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All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

* Please stand if you're able.

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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if you're able.

*MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH

Congregation: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*“All Praise to Him”

Kauflin/Merker

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar
All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to Him whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own
All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame
Who lived to die, Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness

* Please stand
if you're able.

To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow
To You, the triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise.

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*BENEDICTION



Benediction

A pronouncement of God's blessing and commission upon His people as they are sent into the world. It is more than a closing prayer— it is a declaration of God's grace, peace, and presence. We depart with this "good Word" as a reassurance of His faithfulness and a charge to walk in obedience and faith throughout the week.

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Sermon Notes



***Things to think
about while listen-
ing to the sermon.***

-What are the main points?

-What is the context of this passage?

-What are some repeated words and themes?

-How does this message Point to Christ?

-How do we see God's grace, justice, mercy, or sovereignty in the text?

-How does this passage stir us to action?

Announcements

- College Welcome Meal—Today after worship, we are hosting college students back for the spring semester in the Great Room.
- Hymn Sing resumes tonight! Join us at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary as we close out the Lord's Day together with singing hymns to our great Lord.
- A new Sunday School class has started: "Joining the church?" Whether you are new to UPC or a member new or old, come learn more about what life at UPC is practically, theologically, and spiritually.
- Passport Night—Join us Wednesday, January 28th, in the Great Room as we learn about Japan from teaching missionaries Alex and Heather May Jordan. We will eat a Japanese feast, play Japanese games, and make Origami animals. Laurel would like more helpers; please call her at 575-639-2747.
- Grace Covenant Church is hosting a women's conference February 6th & 7th and invites us to attend! Ladies, flyers and registration forms are in the foyer today, or contact Tessa at 575-915-9027 for details. You may drop off your registration with Tessa in the church office by Friday, January 30th.
- RUF Freshman Bible Study Meals—RUF is hosting new students Thursday nights for fellowship, a home-cooked meal, and time in Scripture. A link to sign up to provide a meal is in Wednesday's CrossTalk Notes.
- Sunday Morning Coffee & Tea Ministry: David Moon is looking for volunteers to help prepare the coffee and tea bar Sunday mornings. Please call him for details at 575-496-3613.

This Week at UPC

Tues (1/27): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
•Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm

Thurs (1/29): •Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
•Worship Team Practice, 6:30pm

Wed (1/28): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner/
Passport Night, 5:00pm
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Sun (2/1): •Prayer from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult Education/Youth-Children
Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am



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