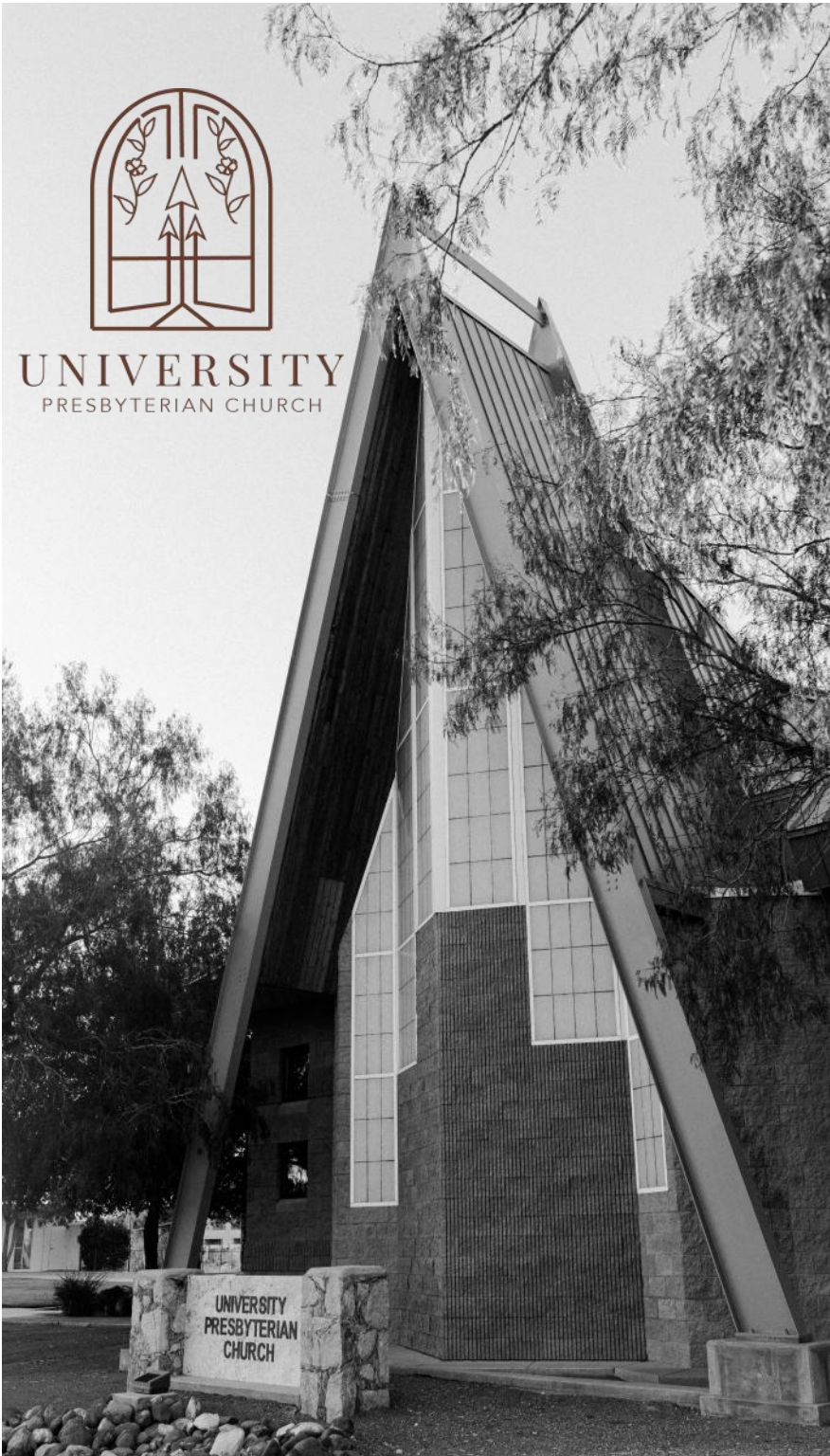




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

March 15, 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.

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.



Scan here to visit our website. Connect, watch live, and learn more about the life of

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 a prayer request.

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We bind ourselves today:

To the power of God to guide us.
To the might of God to uphold us.
To the wisdom of God to teach us.
The eye of God to watch over us.
The ear of God to hear us.
The word of God to speak to us.
The way of God to lie before us.
The host of God to defend us.

Amen.

Saint Patrick

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Trinity 457

Come, Thou fount of ev’ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of God’s unchanging love.



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.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
*Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Our Lord said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:9–12



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.

* Please stand if you're able.

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and forgive those offenses to your servant which he has caused in others. I contend not in judgment with you, who are truth; I fear to deceive myself, lest my sin should make me think that I am not sinful. Therefore I contend not in judgment with you; for if you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall abide it? Amen.

Augustine

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:15–17

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.



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.

* Please stand if you’re able.

***“From Depths of Woe”**

Luther/Miner

From depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation
Lord turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication
If Thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark

O who shall stand before Thee (*O who shall stand before Thee*)
O who shall stand before Thee (*O who shall stand before Thee*)

To wash away the crimson stain
Grace grace alone availeth
Our works alas are all in vain
In much the best life faileth
No man can glory in Thy sight
All must alike confess Thy might

And live alone by mercy (*And live alone by mercy*)
And live alone by mercy (*And live alone by mercy*)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit
On Him my soul shall rest His word
Upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort
My comfort and my sweet support

I wait for it with patience (*I wait for it with patience*)
I wait for it with patience (*I wait for it with patience*)

* Please stand
if you're able.

What though I wait the livelong night
And till the dawn appeareth
My heart still trusteth in His might
It doubteth not nor feareth
Do thus O ye of Israel's seed
Ye of the Spirit born indeed

And wait till God appeareth (*And wait till God appeareth*)
And wait till God appeareth (*And wait till God appeareth*)

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth
His helping love no limit knows
Our utmost need it soundeth
Our shepherd good and true is He
Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (*From all their sin and sorrow*)
From all their sin and sorrow (*From all their sin and sorrow*)

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

Trinity 257

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!



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.



Scan to Give

* Please stand
if you're able.

He's the long expected Prophet,
David's son, yet David's Lord;
By His Son God now has spoken:
He's the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, you who hear him groaning,
Was there ever grief like his?
Friends in fear his cause disowning,
Foes insulting his distress;
Many hands were raised to wound him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

You who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate,
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
He's the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!

* Please stand
if you're able.

None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built.

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***“Doxology”**

St. Francis/Gilley

All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises, Alleluia!
Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit three in one,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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***SCRIPTURE READING**

Tessa Kennedy
John 19:16-30

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

* Please stand
if you're able.

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: “Here May View Its Nature Rightly” Rick Downs

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Congregation:

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1



The Lord’s
Supper

We invite those seated closest to the pulpit to come to the table first. Please file through outer aisles and back up middle aisle.

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.

* Please stand if you’re able.

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.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

"Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor"

Steele/Murphy

Lord we adore thy boundless grace.
The heights and depths unknown.
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,
In thy beloved Son.

[Chorus]

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor.
The Savior's bounty taste;
Behold a never-failing store.
For ev'ry willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of ev'ry good;
Jesus, in thee what glories shine!
How rich thy flowing blood!

* Please stand
if you're able.

Here shall your num'rous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give,
And joys that never die.

Lord we adore thy boundless grace.
The heights and depths unknown.
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,
In thy beloved Son.

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*** "I'll Not be Shaken (Psalm 62)"**

Kimbrough

For God alone, I wait in silence;
My soul is still before the Lord.
He is my rock and my salvation,
My fortress strong; I trust in him.

[Chorus]

I'll not be shaken!
I'll not be shaken,
For all my hope is in his love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I'll wait and trust his steadfast love!

* Please stand
if you're able.

Put not your hope in gain of riches;
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,
Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in him to hear you cry.
No other hope will never fail you;
No other love will not run dry.

Wendell Kimbrough
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* B E N E D I C T I O N



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 listening 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

- Our adult Sunday School is on the book of Habakkuk. We are studying this prophet's complaints to God, God's replies, and Habakkuk's final response. Warning: God may expand your faith.
- Next Sunday's worship service will include the installation of our new pastor, Dan Smith, into the presbytery as our teaching elder. The Reverend Charles Garland of Midtown Presbyterian Church, Tucson, will preach from Isaiah 62 on "Who Loves the Church?" Following the service we will have a sweet & savory reception for Dan Smith and his family. Each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies, cheese sticks, non-sugary snacks, or nuts to share. Come, fellowship, and welcome Dan, Brittany, Jonah, & Penny to UPC!
- 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.
- RUF students are working to offset costs to attend the RUF National Summer Conference in May. You can support RUF by hiring a student to work for you! A link to submit a work request is in the Crosstalk Notes.
- Maddox Hechler is fully funded to intern this summer with Serge to spread the gospel in London. Thanks be to God! His initial training went well and he is excited for this summer. Please continue to pray for him.

This Week at UPC

Mon (3/16): •Elder Stated Meeting, 7:00pm

Tues (3/17): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am

Wed (3/18): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (3/19): •Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sun (3/22): •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult Education/Youth-Children Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am
•Reception for Dan Smith & Family, 11:45am
•Hymn Sing, 6:00pm



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