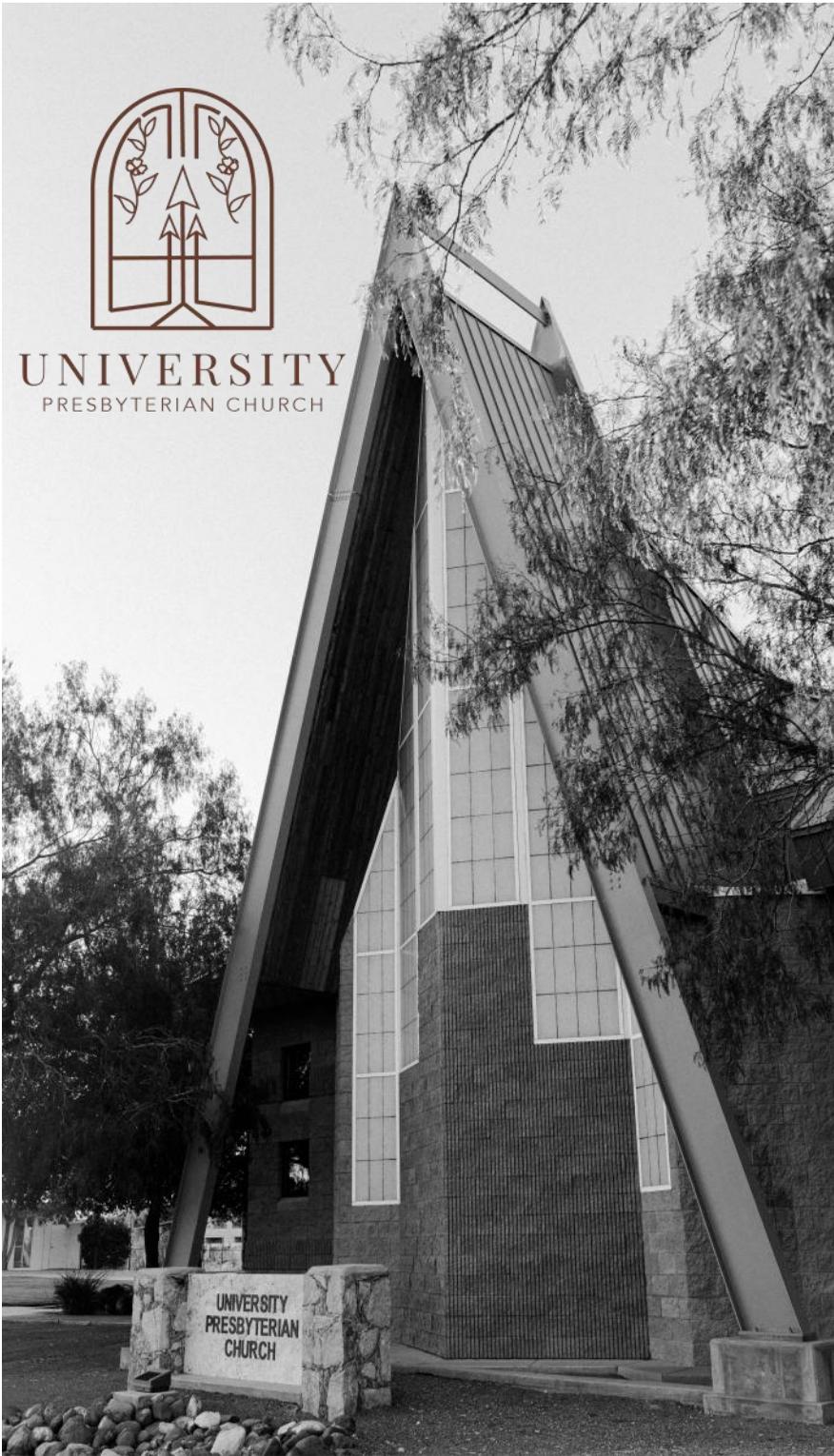




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

March 22, 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@upcl.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

Thus says the Lord,
He who created you, O Jacob,
He who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

Isaiah 43:1-3

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Trinity 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
Who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!



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.

Hast Thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health,
And with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the AMEN sound from His people again:
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Joachim Neander, Catherine Winkworth, *Stralsand Gesangbuch*, arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Milica*
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to



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.

the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Father,

We confess that we often live bound by fear, resentment, heartache, and anxiety. We turn inward—away from you and away from one another. In doing so, we deepen our own pain and the pain of others. Yet even then, we point fingers and shift blame.

Have mercy on us. Lift our eyes to Jesus, who lived, died, and rose again so that we might be made right with you and set free to love with boldness. Teach us to rest in him. Deepen our trust in your sovereign care. By your Spirit, stir in us the courage to walk in faith, hope, and love through every challenge we face, both as individuals and as a church.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also, with him, graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... No, in all these



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.

things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:31-35; 37-39

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.

***“Jesus I Come”**

Sleeper/Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth.
Out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

* Please stand
if you're able.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm.
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold.
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Jesus, I come to Thee.

William True Sleeper, Greg Thompson
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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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* Please stand if you're able.

“When You Pass through the Waters”

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters I will be with you
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

[Chorus]

For I am the Lord, your God. (I am the Lord your God).

I am the Lord, your God. (I am)

The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

For I am the Lord, your God. (I am the Lord your God).

I am the Lord, your God. (I am)

The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I am the Lord (Do not fear)

I am the Lord (Do not fear)

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I am the Lord (Do not fear)

When you pass through the fire, you'll not be burned
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Unknown

***“Doxology”**

Trinity 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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* Please stand
if you're able.

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Henry Heerema
Isaiah 62

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

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: "Who Loves the Church?" Charles Garland

INSTALLATION OF DAN SMITH**RIO GRANDE PRESBYTERY COMMISSION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DANIEL SMITH AS PASTOR OF UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Tito Padilla, Teaching Elder, Equipping Leaders International (ELI)
John Standridge, Teaching Elder, Christ Church, Santa Fe
Brian Anderson, Ruling Elder, Grace Covenant Church, Las Cruces
Simon Rawson, Ruling Elder, University Presbyterian Church

Introduction and Explanation

Tito Padilla

* Please stand
if you're able.

Questions to Pastor

Tito Padilla

1. Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

Questions to Congregation

Tito Padilla

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Daniel Smith, whom you have called to be your pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Laying on of Hands / Prayer for Dan

Tito Padilla

John Standridge

Brian Anderson

Simon Rawson

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if you're able.

Charge to Pastor

John Standridge

Charge to Congregation

John Standridge

Prayer for the Congregation

Brian Anderson

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.

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



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.

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

"The Church's One Foundation"

Stone/Moss

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed;
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against a foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

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if you're able.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Samuel J. Stone, Brian Moss

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* MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH

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

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*“Gloria Patri”

Trinity 735

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, amen.

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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 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

- Following today's worship service we will have a sweet & savory reception for Dan Smith and his family. If you are able, please bring a dozen cookies, cheese sticks, non-sugary snacks, or nuts to share. Regardless, come, fellowship, and welcome Dan, Brittany, Jonah, & Penny to UPC!
- Hymn Sing 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 and glorious Lord.
- 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.
- Easter Week Events at UPC:
 - April 1: Wednesday Dinner, 5:00 pm
 - April 3: Good Friday Service, 6:00 pm
 - April 5: Breakfast Potluck, 9:00 am
 - Resurrection Day Service, 10:00 am
- 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.
- John Pummell has packets of letters for those who would like to sign and mail to area contractors, asking them not to pour concrete for another abortion facility in Las Cruces. See John after Worship in the foyer.

This Week at UPC

Tues (3/24): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
•Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm

Wed (3/25): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (3/26): •Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
•Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sun (3/29): •Prayers from the Boiler Room,
8:15am
•Adult Education/Youth-Children
Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am



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