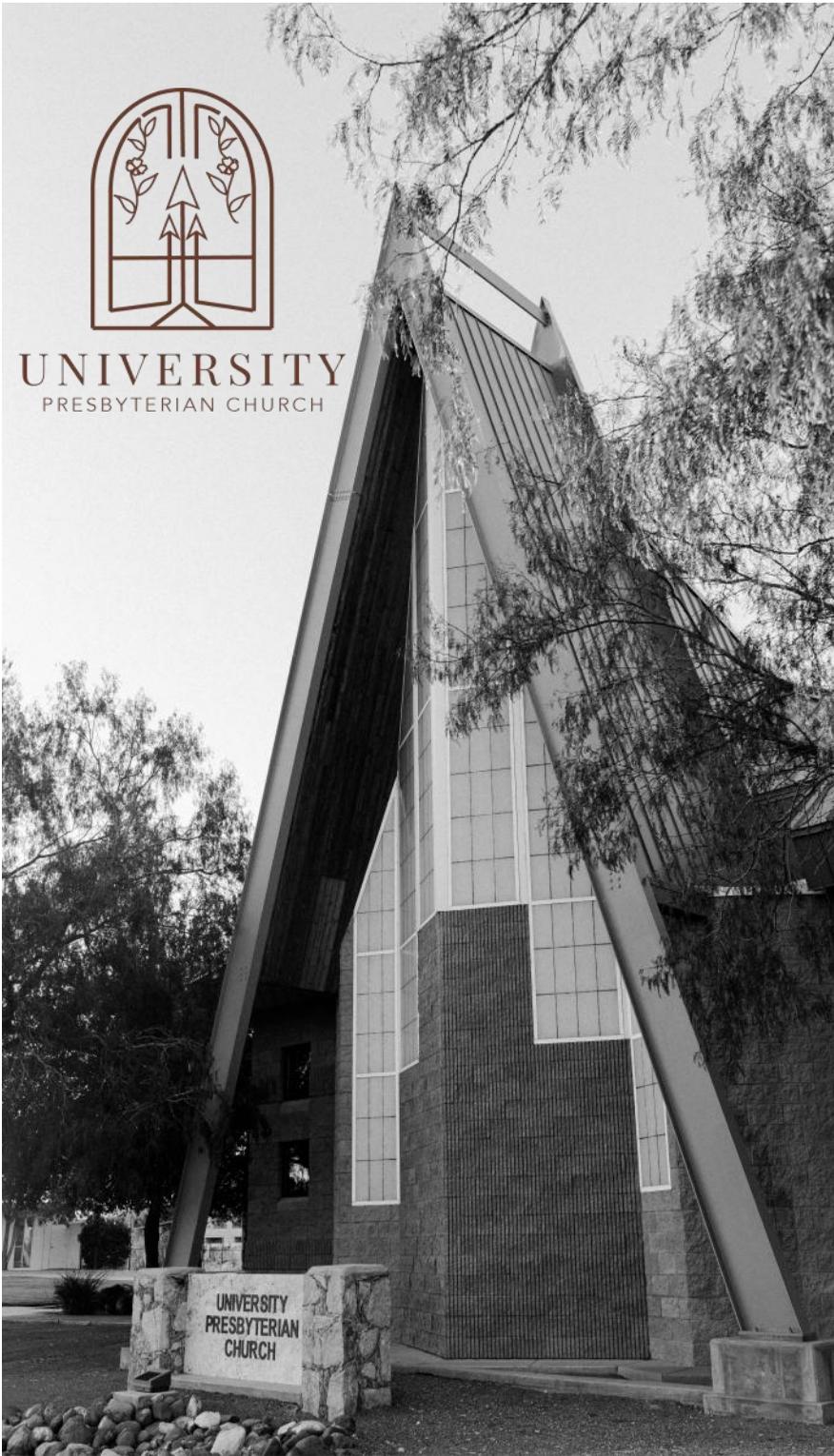




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

March 29, 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

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Children: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Congregation: Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

Children: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Congregation: With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can mankind do?

Children: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Congregation: We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

Children: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Congregation: The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Adapted from Psalm 118

* PRAYER OF ADORATION



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.

***“Only a Holy God”**

Smith/Robinson

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev’ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God!

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God!

[Chorus]

Come and behold him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out sing holy,
Forever a holy God.
Come and worship the holy God!

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God!

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer his only Son?
Who else invites me to call him Father?
Only a holy God!
Only my holy God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:9–21

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have



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.

done, and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant, according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Luke 24:46–47

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.

***“Eternal Weight of Glory”**

Kimbrough

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suffering seem so long
And the toilsome wait and wond’ring
Threaten silence to our song



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.

Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak
But our hope is set on Jesus
And we cling to Him our strength

[Chorus]

For behold I tell a mystery
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry
When we meet our King of grace
Ev'ry year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried how long
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's victory song

Oh eternal weight of glory
Oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time
All our pains will be transfigured
Like the scars of Christ our Lord
We will see the weight of glory
And our broken years restored

We will see our wounded Savior
We'll behold Him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace

Wendell Kimbrough
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* Please stand
if you're able.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Lord, I Need You”

Nockels/Carson

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowin' here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

[Chorus]

Lord, I need You, oh I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more;
Where grace is found is where You are;
Where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way,
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You;
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
*And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You;
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.*

You're my one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher
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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

* Please stand if you're able.

***“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.

Thomas Ken
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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.

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Lydia Anderson
John 19:31-42

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

SERMON: “The Lamb, Slain Before Sundown”

Dan Smith

* Please stand
if you’re able.

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

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



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.

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

Trinity 253

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
*Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.*

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away:
*Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.*

E’er since by faith I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
*And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.*

Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I’ll sing your power to save,
When this poor lisp’ing, stamm’ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave:

* Please stand
if you’re able.

*Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave.*

Dear dying Lamb, Your precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more:
*Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.*

William Cowper, Lowell Mason
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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PRAYER SEND OFF FOR RICK AND T DOWNS

***“Nothing but the Blood”**

Trinity 307

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

* Please stand
if you're able.

[Chorus]

Oh! Precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this I see;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon, this my plea;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*** 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.

* Please stand if you're able.

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 finishing its study 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
- Breakfast Potluck—please bring a breakfast item next Sunday and join us in fellowship for our 9:00 am Resurrection Day Breakfast Potluck.
- 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.
- VBS is coming! When: June 8-12.
Who: Betsy on lead; Tessa facilitating (575-915-9027); & all hands on deck! VBS needs many volunteers.
What: Anything from food, to decorating, to teaching, to music. Please make plans to help if you can.
- For those who took a packet of letters last week from John Pummell to urge area suppliers not to support a proposed abortion clinic, John sent three letters returned as undeliverable. He is asking Southwest Coalition for Life for correct addresses. If you experienced similar issues, please let John know. Also, coordinate with John to get correct addresses as he receives them. Thank you for your support in this effort to protect life.

This Week at UPC

Tues (3/31): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
•Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm

Wed (4/1): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (4/2): •Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
•Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Fri (4/3): •Good Friday Service, 6:00pm

Sun (4/5): •Prayers from the Boiler Room,
8:15am
•Potluck Breakfast, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am



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