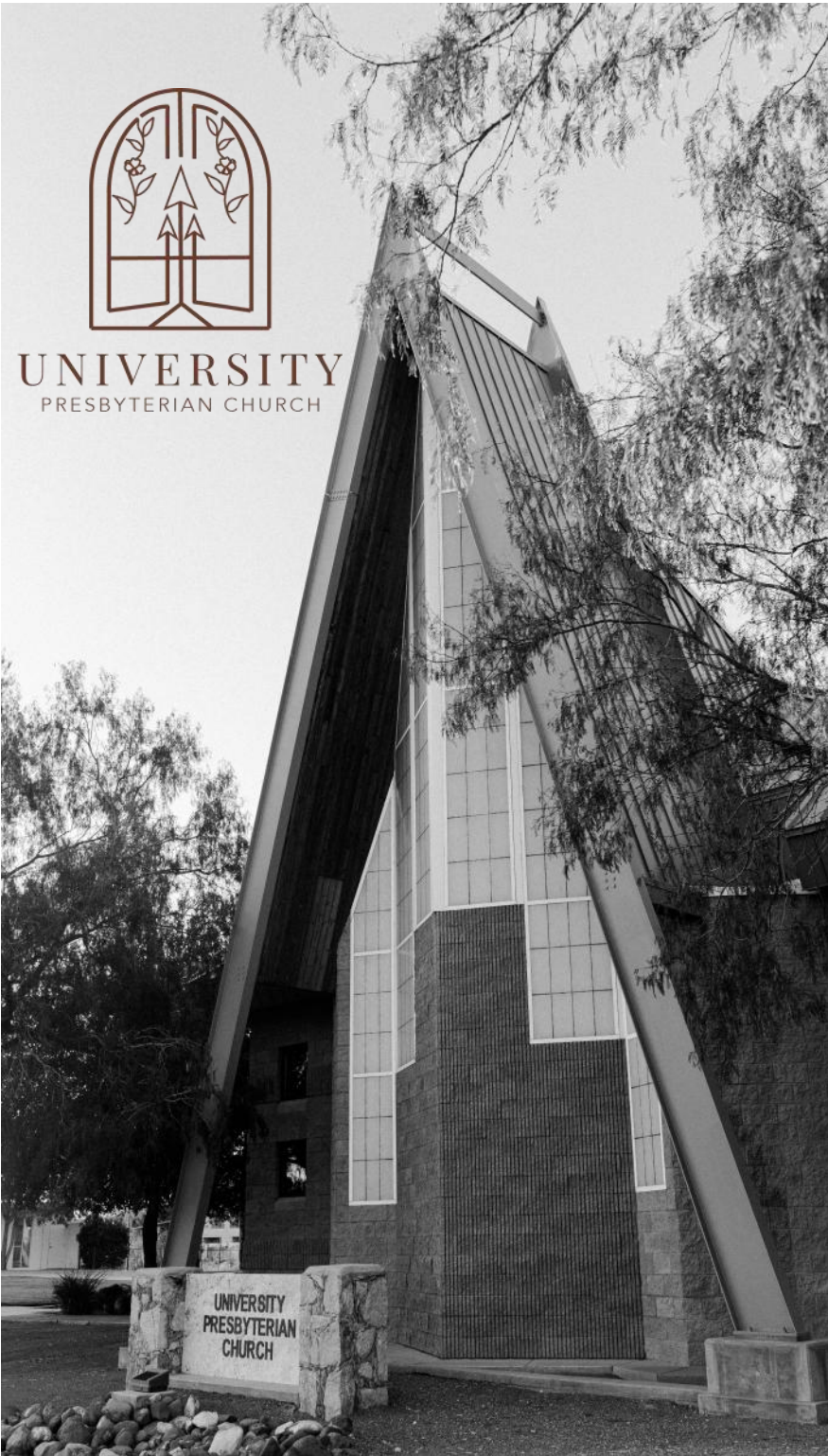




UNIVERSITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

April 5, 2026

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*Rooted in the Gospel*  
*Shaped in Community*  
*Cultivating Disciples*

*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***

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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](mailto:UPCdeacons@upclc.com).



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## ***Preparing for worship***

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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***

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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***

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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:** Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*1 Corinthians 15:20*

**Congregation:** Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

*Psalms 72:18*

**Leader:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3*

**All:** Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his Glory. Amen and Amen.

*Psalms 72:19*

### \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**\*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

**Trinity 277**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!



#### ***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.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your



### **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.

members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

*Romans 6:8-14*

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. He is the Easter King, the Conqueror of the tomb, the Slayer of the serpent. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His complete rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give Him glory. We've let sin reign in our mortal bodies, obeying its passions, presenting our members as instruments of unrighteousness.

Forgive us. Free us. Help us to present ourselves to you as those who have been brought from death to life, as those who are dead to sin and alive to you in Christ Jesus. Help us to seek those things that are above, where Christ is seated, at your right hand, all through the power of His resurrection. Amen.

## **\* WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.



### ***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.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear  
with him in glory.

*Colossians 3:14*

**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.

**\*“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”**

**Cash/Getty**

How can it be, the One who died,  
Has born our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death?  
Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ’s disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;  
Christ, Christ He is risen.

*[Chorus]*

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!  
Oh, sing hallelujah.

\* Please stand  
if you’re able.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;  
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been,  
They saw Him and their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those who have not seen,  
Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,  
They preached the truth and power of grace.  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, life everlasting.

The power that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save.  
He frees our hearts to live His grace;  
Go tell of His goodness.

He's alive, He's alive!  
Heaven's gates are opened wide.  
He's alive, He's alive!  
Now in heaven glorified.

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## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**“See, What A Morning (Resurrection Hymn)”**

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See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;



### ***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.

Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan,  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till He appears,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!  
And we are raised with Him,  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

*And we are raised with Him,  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!*

Christ, we do all adore thee,  
and we do praise thee forever,  
Christ, we do all adore thee,  
and we do praise thee forever,  
For on the holy cross hast thou  
the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore thee,  
and we do praise thee forever.  
*Christ, we do all adore thee.*

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## **WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS**

## **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.

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

\* Please stand  
if you’re able.

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## **\*SCRIPTURE READING**

Jo Barrett  
John 20:1-18

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

## **SERMON:**

Dan Smith

“The Real Jesus Isn’t Who You Expected ... He’s So Much More”

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation,

came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;

and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

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if you’re able.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The Nicene 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.*

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

### **"Crown Him With Many Crowns"**

**Trinity 295**

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for Thee;



### ***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.

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And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love:  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified;  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace;  
Whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end;  
And round his pierc-ed feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me.  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

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\* Please stand  
if you're able.

## \* MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH

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

## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*“Up from the Grave He Arose”

Trinity 276

Low in the grave he lay—Jesus, my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day—Jesus, my Lord.

*[Chorus]*

Up from the grave he arose, (He arose!)  
With a mighty triumph o’er his foes. (He arose!)  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.  
He arose! (He arose!) He arose! (He arose!)  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed—Jesus, my Savior,  
Vainly they seal the dead—Jesus, my Lord.

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus, my Savior,  
He tore the bars away—Jesus, My Lord.

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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.

\* Please stand if you're able.



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## *Announcements*

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- A new Sunday School class starts next Sunday on the Resurrection. Come and learn more about and meditate on the significance of the central event in human history, the defining event of the Christian faith.
- Passport Night—Join us Wednesday, April 8th, in the Great Room as we learn about Ethiopia ACT, a ministry that works to help the poor in medical, educational, and housing support. We will enjoy an Ethiopian meal, do Ethiopian crafts, and play an Ethiopian game.
- Ladies, join us Saturday, April 18, from 10 am to 2 pm for Women’s Craft Day. Bring a project you are already working on or just come and hang out! Contact Sarah Randall, 682-228-8338, for more information.
- RUF Freshman Bible Study Meals—All meal slots have been filled for the semester! Thanks to all who have provided and have signed up to provide meals to facilitate this Thursday night ministry to NMSU students.
- 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.
- 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.

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## *This Week at UPC*

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**Mon (4/6):** •Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00pm

**Tues (4/7):** •Women’s Prayer Group, 10:00am  
•Women’s Bible Study, 6:45pm

**Wed (4/8):** •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm  
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm  
•Men’s Bible Study, 6:30pm

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

**Sun (4/12):** •Prayers from the Boiler Room,  
8:15am  
•Adult Education/Youth-Children  
Sunday School, 9:00am  
•Worship Service, 10:00am  
•All Church Prayers Meeting, 6:00pm



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