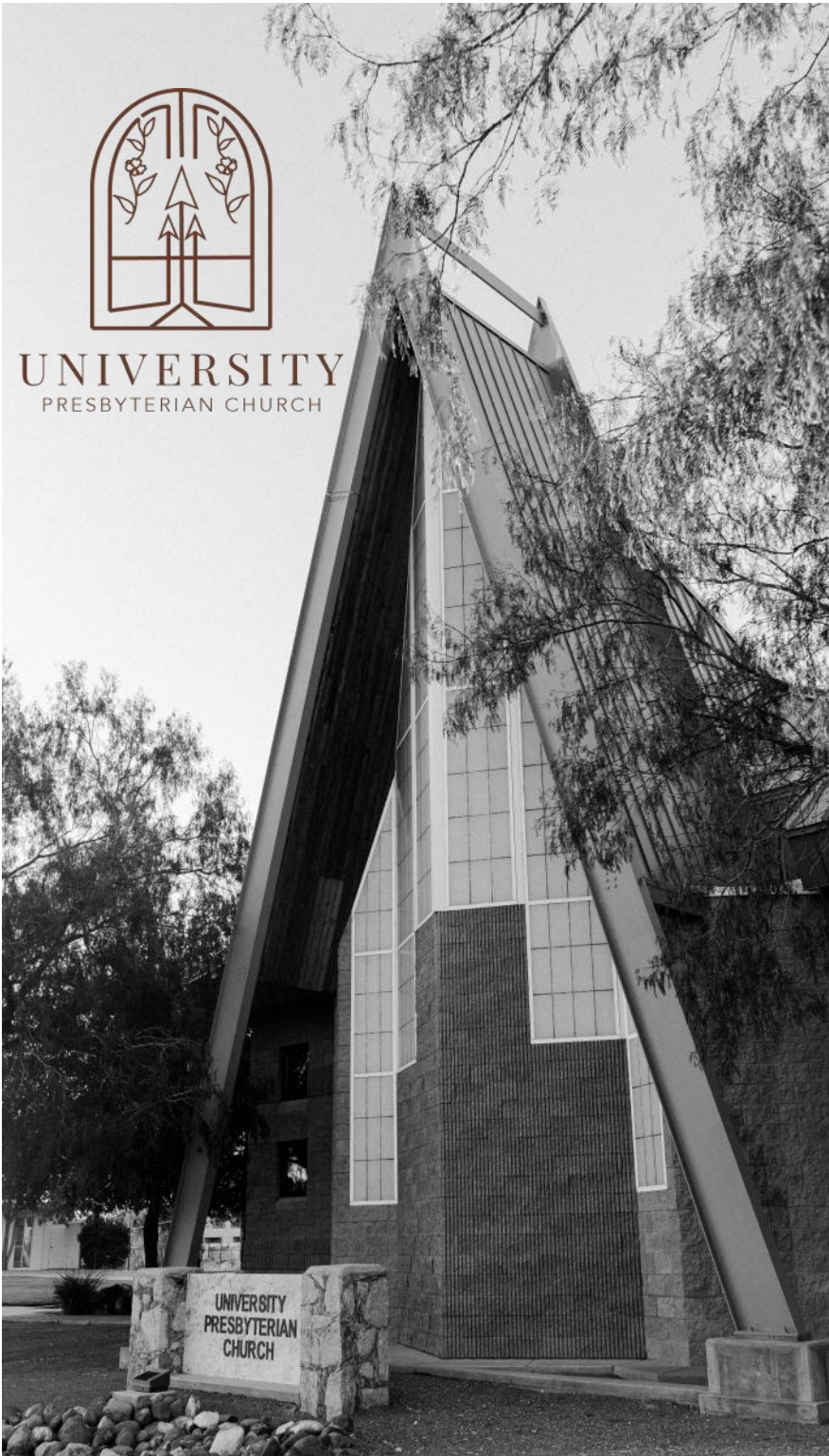




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

April 12, 2026

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

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: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

Congregation: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Congregation: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6, 7

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

***“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”**

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What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand?

What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.



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.

[Chorus]

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

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* Please stand
if you're able.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Psalm 111:2-4; 9-10

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Father, we confess that so often we let fear shrivel our faith. You tell us that your perfect love casts out fear, yet we struggle to rest in that love.

Forgive us for the ways our fears and anxieties lead us to speak harsh words, shrink from our responsibilities, and live with stingy hearts.

Teach us to rest in the grace you have lavished on us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. By your Holy Spirit, fill us with your love and your peace.



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.

Help us to live out what we confess in worship, not only on Sunday mornings, but in every part of our lives. Bring glory to your name as you work in and through us. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8–12

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.

***“God, Be Merciful to Me”**

from Psalm 51

God, be merciful to me,
On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgement just,
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust,
By Thy wrath and judgement just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

* Please stand
if you're able.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee.
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

Scottish Psalter (from Psalm 51:1-15), Christopher Miner
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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the Holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness
The Lamb Who is my righteousness



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.

I will glory in my redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone

I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with loving kindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
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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.

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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**

Silas Heerema
John 20:19-23

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

SERMON: “From Locked Doors to Sent People”

Dan Smith

* Please stand
if you’re able.

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 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 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.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

“Jesus Lover Of My Soul”

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Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart, rise to all 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

***“I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!”**

Trinity 281

I know that my redeemer lives—glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives—glory, hallelujah!

[Chorus]

Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground—glory, hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead—glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting head—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, to bless me with His love—glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, all glory to His name!—glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same—glory, hallelujah!

* 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.

Announcements

- All Church Prayer Meeting tonight! We meet for prayer each second Sunday of the month from 6-7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us with your family to pray together to our sovereign, holy, and loving God.
- RUF Goodie Bags—We are providing goodie bags for RUF students for finals again this year and need your help. Look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer today to see what items we need. Please bring any items contributed to UPC by May 3rd. Contact Sarah Randall (682-228-8338) for more information.
- Ladies, join us this 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 for more information.
- A new Sunday School class has started on the Resurrection. Join us as we learn more about, and meditate on, the significance of this, the central event in human history, the defining event of the Christian faith.
- 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 June 8-12! We will need many volunteers to assist with everything from food, to decorating, to teaching, to music. Contact Tessa (575-915-9027) for more information.

This Week at UPC

Tues (4/14): •Women’s Prayer Group, 10:00am
•Women’s Bible Study, 6:45pm

Wed (4/15): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm
•Men’s Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (4/16): •Women’s Bible Study, 9:00am
•Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sat (4/18): •Women’s Craft Day, 10:00am

Sun (4/19): •Prayers from the Boiler Room,
8:15am
•Adult Education/Youth-Children
Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am



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