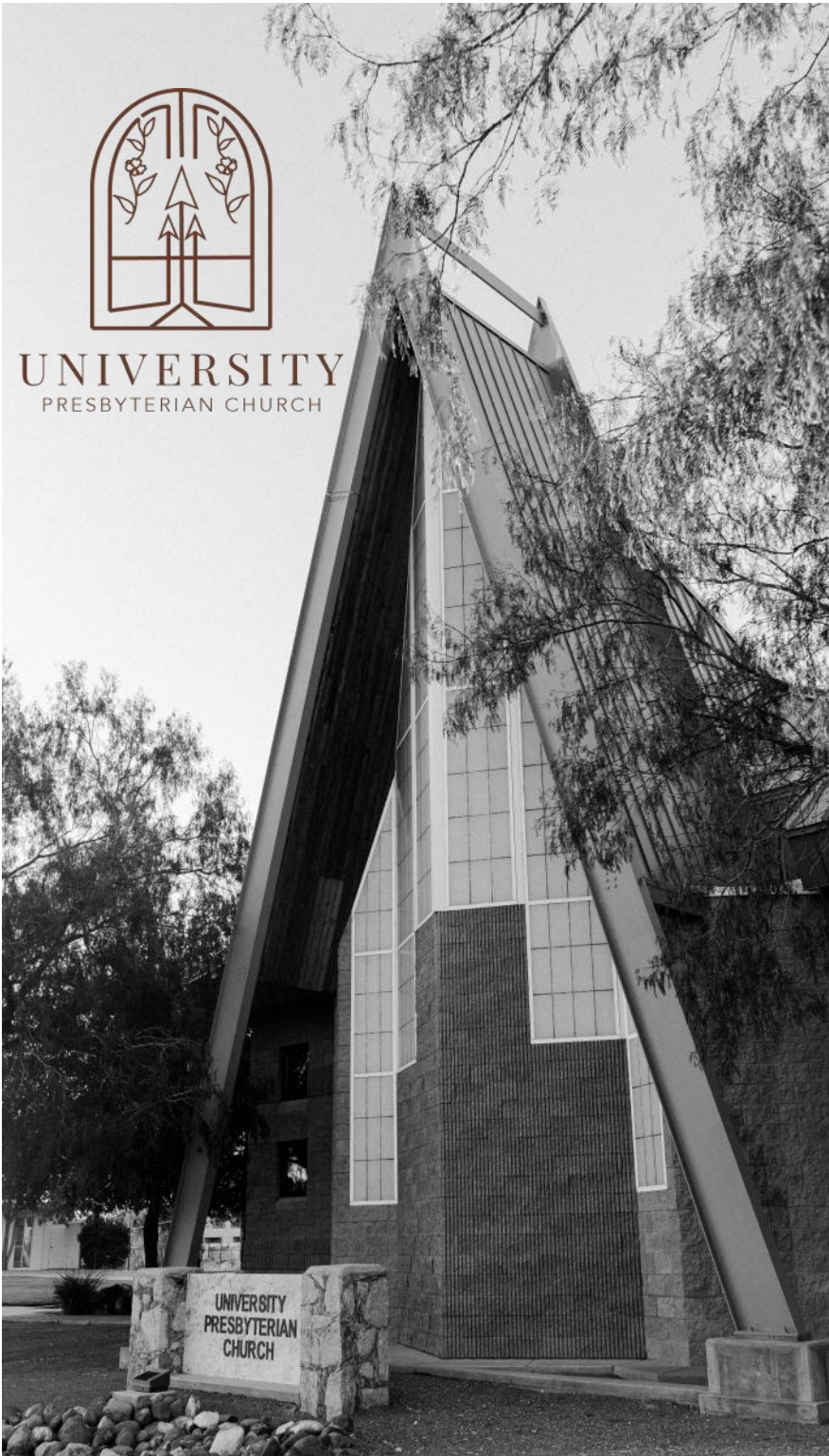




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

April 19, 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@upclc.com.



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

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.



Scan to share a prayer request.

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.

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:15–20

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“The Lamb Has Overcome”

Morton

The Lamb has overcome
The Lamb has overcome
The battle’s done
And the victory is won
For the Lamb has overcome

No grave could hold him down
No grave could hold him down
Up from the ground,
“He is risen!” was the sound
No grave could hold him down



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.

At God's right hand is he
At God's right hand is he
Our Perfect Plea
As he lives to intercede
At God's right hand is he

[Chorus]

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name

The table now is spread
The table now is spread
This wine and bread
Broken body and blood shed
The table now is spread

The day is drawing near
The day is drawing near
He shall appear
And will wipe away each tear
The day is drawing near

The Lamb has overcome
The Lamb has overcome
The battle's done
And the victory is won
For the Lamb has overcome

CALL TO CONFESSION

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37–40

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father,

We live in a world where Jesus is risen and reigns. And yet we often forget, or struggle to believe, this living reality. Our unbelief gives way to fear, and our fear turns inward into selfishness. In that turning inward, we fail to love You with heart, soul, and mind, and we fail to love the people You have placed in our lives. We do not receive or enjoy the life and love for which You created us.

In Your mercy, renew our minds to trust that Jesus is alive.

Awaken our hearts to delight in His reign. Fill our lives with the abundant life You desire for us in Him. Make us a people who reflect Your love into the relationships and responsibilities You have entrusted to us.

We ask these things in the name of our risen and reigning King, Jesus. Amen.



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.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8–9

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.

***“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

Clephane/Miner

Beneath the cross of Jesus

I fain would take my stand

[Women]

The shadow of a mighty rock

Within a weary land.

A home within the wilderness

A rest upon the way

[All]

From the burning of the noontide heat

And the burden of the day.

[Men]

The sha - dow

In a wea - ry land.

A home of rest

Upon the way



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.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eyes at times can see

[Women]

The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart with tears
Two wonders I confess

[All]

The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place.

[Women]

I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of his face.
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain or loss.

[All]

My sinful self, my only shame;
My glory all the cross.

My sinful self, my only shame;

My glory all the cross.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS



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.

“Facing a Task Unfinished”

Cash/De Barra

Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees.
A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee, renew before Thy throne.
The solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway;
Where forces that defied Thee, defy Thee still today.
With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night.

[Chorus]

We go to all the world,
With kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ the Lord.

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield our powers

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired.
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us to labor for Thy sake.

Ed Cash, Fionán De Barra, Frank Houghton, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Samuel Wesley

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* Please stand
if you're able.

***“Gloria Patri”**

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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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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**

Nianque Schonthaler
John 20:24-31

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

SERMON: “I Won’t Believe Unless”

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.

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Lyte/Moore

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not, like man untrue;
And while thou shalt smile upon me
God of wisdom, love, and might,
foes may hate and friends may shun me;
Show thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.
O, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go then earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain

* Please stand
if you're able.

In thy service pain is pleasure,
With thy favor loss is gain
I have called thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on thee
Storms my howl and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

Soul then know, thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in ev'ry station
Something still to do or bear;
Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee;
Child of heav'n, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heav'n's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

* Please stand
if you're able.

*“I Believe”

Statema



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.

Jesus came down to earth
From His throne on high
He humbled Himself
He came to live so He could die
He was killed on the cross
But He rose up from the grave
Death was defeated
So wipe your tears away

[Chorus]

I'm gonna clap my hands and shout Hosanna
Jesus is risen and He lives forever
He took my sin and set me free
Jesus is alive; I believe!

To make our way to God
There is nothin' that you and I can do
Helpless on our own
We needed Him to come for our rescue
Our sin has a price
We could never pay
Jesus paid it all
So we could be saved

Jesus is the Son of God—I believe!
The Sacrifice for sin—I believe!
He is the Risen King—I believe!
And He's comin' back again.

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

* 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

- 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 Goodie Bags—We are making goodie bags for RUF students for finals. Sign-up in the foyer for whatever items you want and bring them by May 3rd. Contact Sarah Randall for more information.
- UPC College Outreach Cornhole Tournament & Cookout: Join us for a cornhole tournament & cookout this Saturday, April 25, to fellowship and meet NMSU students at Preciado Park next to NMSU. Food & team sign-ups start at 4:30 pm & tournament begins at 5:30 pm. Please bring an item to share based on your last name: A-D: Beverages E-O: Sides/Chips P-Z: Desserts. Water and entrée will be provided.
- RUF students are working to offset costs to attend the RUF National Summer Conference in May. Here are two ways you can help—
 - RUF Fundraiser Lunch—Next Sunday (April 26) after Worship, RUF students will serve us an enchilada dinner in the Great Room. Let's support our students with donations and come hungry!
 - Hire an RUF student to work for you! A link to submit a work request is in the Crosstalk Notes.
- UPC Camping Trip May 1-2 to Aguirre Springs Campground. Plan for dinner, breakfast, hiking, games, music, campfires, and devotionals. Look in the Crosstalk Notes or contact Simon for more details.
- 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

Mon (4/20): •Stated Session Meeting, 7:00pm

Tues (4/21): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am

Wed (4/22): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (4/23): •Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sat (4/25): •Picnic on Campus/Cornhole Tourney, 4:30pm

Sun (4/26): •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult Education/Youth-Children Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am
•RUF Fundraiser Lunch, 12:00pm
•Hymn Sing, 6:00pm



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