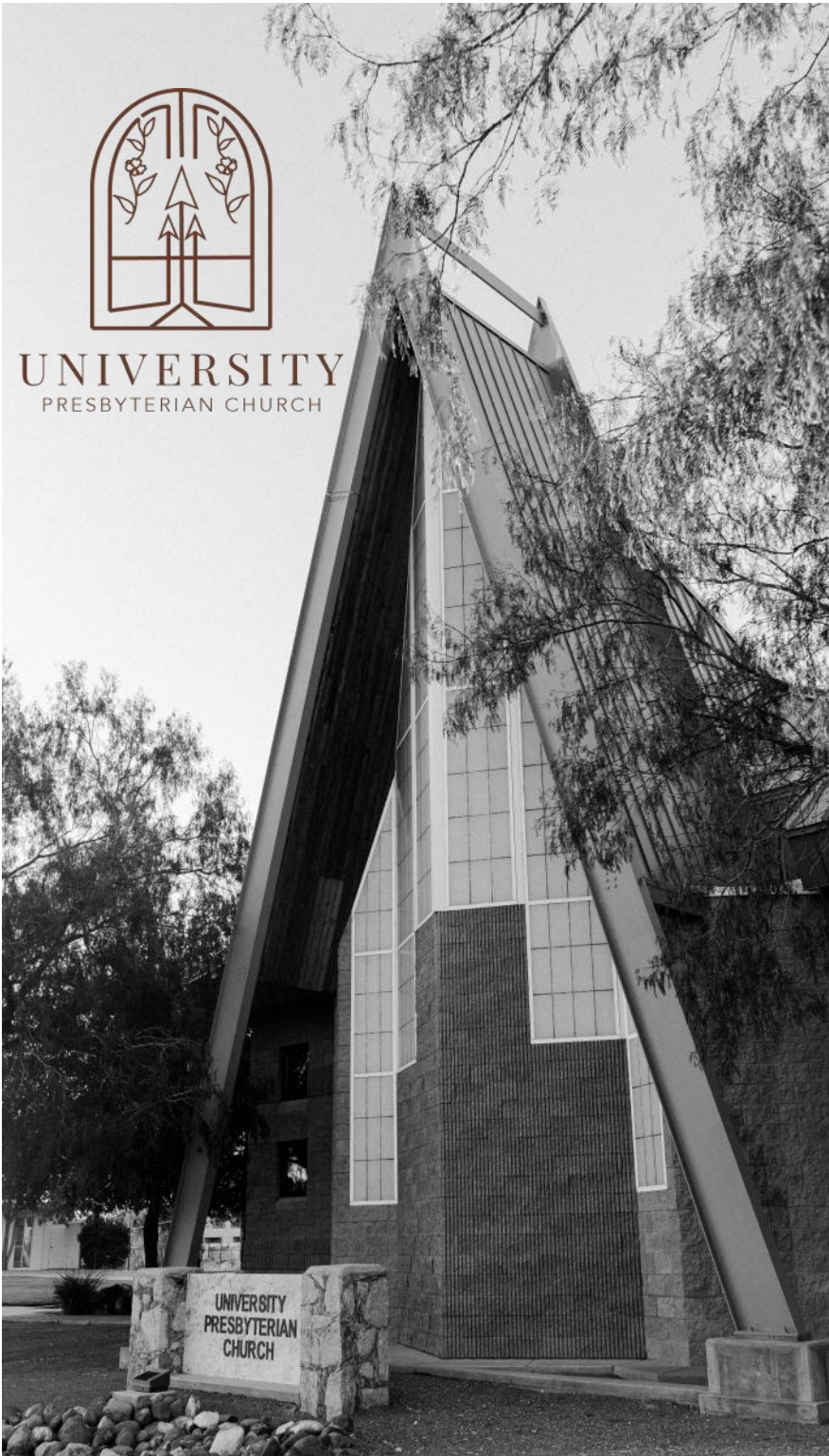




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

April 26, 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 at www.upclc.com. 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.

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: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Congregation: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Psalm 105:1–4

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Rejoice”

Shive/Fowler

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always;
Sing it again, we rejoice.
Delight in the love he has shown us,
Gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise.
We gather in his goodness;
A family of grace.



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]

With each breath he's given,
Praise the Lord!
In these times we live in,
We will praise the Lord.
Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure
We have ev'ry reason
To praise the Lord!

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing,
Praying for all that you need.
Come with a song of thanksgiving;
Lay your requests at his feet.
His peace will fall upon us,
To guard our hearts and minds.
In Christ, who reigns eternal;
The Shepherd of our lives.

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always;
Tell of the good he has done.
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come.
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy.
With praise that's never ending,
We say again, "Rejoice!"

We have ev'ry reason to praise the Lord!

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* Please stand
if you're able.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Isaiah 6:1-7

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, giver of all good gifts, we come before you and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have given in to the lust of our eyes, the lust of our flesh, and the boastful pride of life. We have abused your mercy when we have sinned knowing that we can ask forgiveness later. Forgive us for giving in so easily to the temptations that beset us. Forgive us for not taking every thought captive to the glory of Jesus Christ.



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.

Strengthen us, Lord, to fight against the cravings of our flesh and to live lives that seek to glorify you in all that we do, think, and say. Thank you for your forgiveness. Now, turn our hearts away from worthless things, and fix our vision wholly on you. Help us to train our minds to think on those things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise, to your glory and yours alone. This we pray in the name of our precious Redeemer. Amen.

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:14-17

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.

***“A Debtor to Mercy”**

Toplady/Twit

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing.
I come with Your righteousness on,
My humble off’ring to bring.
The judgments of Your holy law
With me can have nothing to do.
My Savior’s obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which Your goodness began
The arm of Your strength will complete.
Your promise is yes and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
The future or things that are now,
No power below or above,
Can make You Your purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from Your love.

My name from the palms of Your hands
Eternity will not erase.
Impressed on Your heart it remains,
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end will endure,
Until I bow down at Your throne,
Forever and always secure, *Forever and always secure,*
Forever and always secure
A debtor to mercy alone.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Doxology (God Be Praised)”

Bourgeois/Ken

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.

[Chorus]

Praise the Father, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
Ev’ry moment, all our days,
God be praised, oh, God be praised.

Praise God with morning’s breaking light.
Praise him through darkness of the night.
Praise him with every breath of life.
Praise him, my soul, with all your might.

Praise God when face to face we see
The One who died to set us free,
The One who rose in victory.
Praise now forever Christ, our King.

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.

Louis Bourgeois, Thomas Ken, Todd Fields
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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.

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**

Carol Baker
John 21:1-14

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

SERMON: “Breakfast Invitation”

Dan Smith

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;

* Please stand
if you're able.

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.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

"Upon a Life I Have Not Lived"

Bonar/Twit

Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.



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.

Not on the tears which I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs,
On these I rest, on these alone.

[Chorus]

O Jesus, Son of God
I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
There both my life and death
I read, my guilt, my pardon there I see.
There I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me,
As one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,
As one who has Thy gift received.

I taste the love the gift contains,
I clasp the pardon which it brings,
And pass up to the living source
Above whence all this fullness springs.

Here at Thy feast, I grasp the pledge
Which life eternal to me seals,
Here in the bread and wine I read
The grace and peace thy death reveals.

Horatius Bonar, Kevin Twit
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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

*“All Sufficient Merit”

Barnard/Fowler

All sufficient merit shining like the sun.
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done.
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior’s cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

In love He condescended eternal now in time.
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die.
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won,
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come.

[Chorus]

It is done; it is finished.
No more debt I owe.
Paid in full, all sufficient
Merit now my own.

I lay down my garments any empty boast.
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host.
I’m dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white.
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine.

* Please stand
if you’re able.

All sufficient merit firm in life and death.
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross.
Yes, I'll thank Him for the cross.

Your merit now my own.

Your merit now my own.

Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler, Shane Barnard

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* BENECTION



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

- 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—Today 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.
- 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.
- Adult Sunday School is looking into 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.
- UPC Camping at Aguirre Springs Campground May 1-2. Plan for dinner, breakfast, hiking, games, music, campfires, and devotionals. Bring your own food and water. \$7 per vehicle overnight; \$5 for day use. Gate hours are 7 am—8 pm. Look in the Crosstalk Notes or contact Simon for more details.
- RUF Goodie Bags—We are making goodie bags to give RUF students for finals. Sign up in the foyer today for items on the sheet and bring them by May 3rd. Contact Sarah Randall for more information.
- VBS is coming June 8-12! We 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 (4/28): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
•Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm

Wed (4/29): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (4/30): •Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
•Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Fri (5/1) - Sat (5/2):

•Camping at Aguirre Springs

Sun (5/3):

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



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