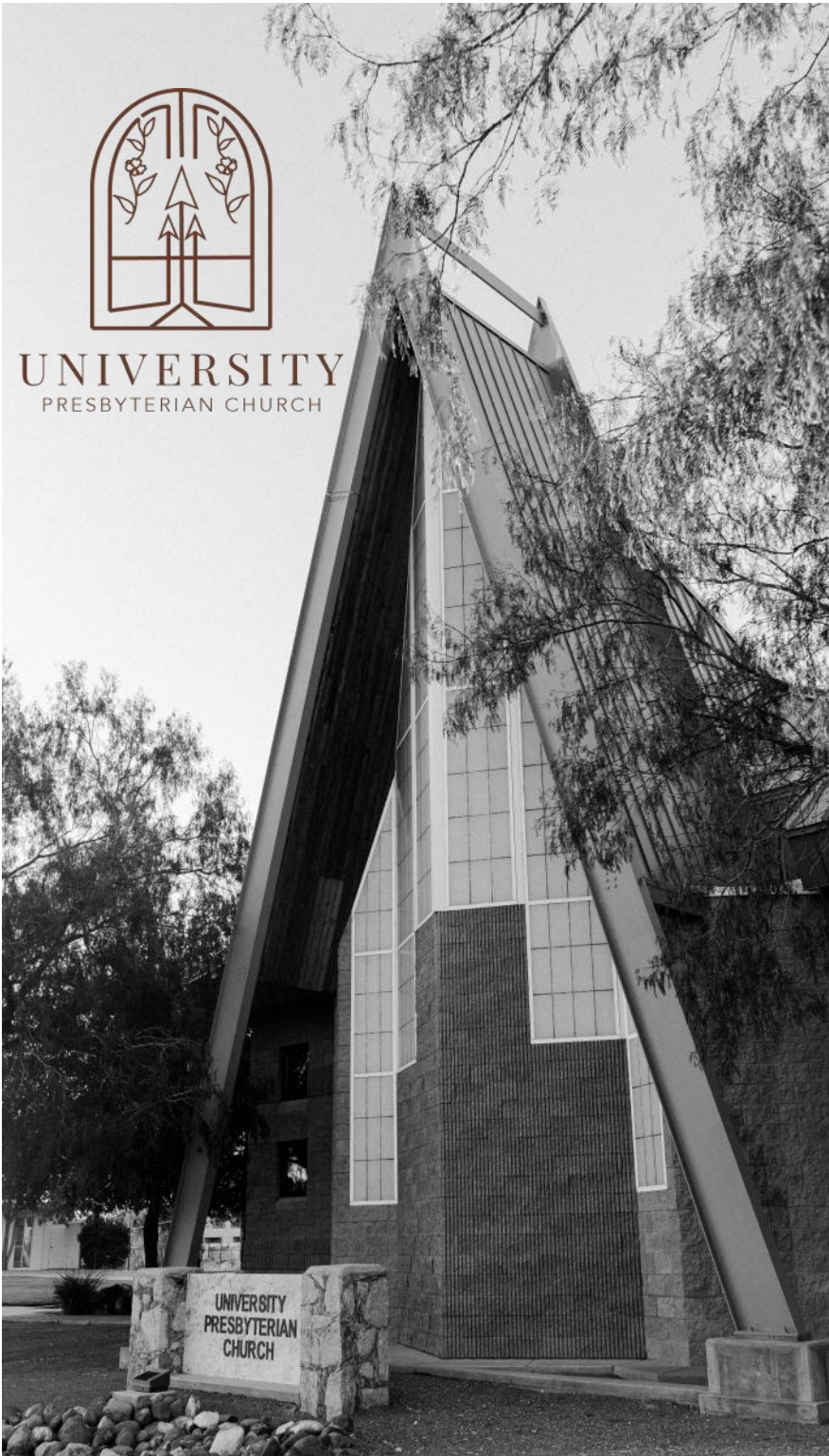




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

May 3, 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.

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 here to visit our website at www.upclc.com. Connect, watch live, and learn more about the life of UPC.



Scan to share a prayer request.

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:13–16

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Story of the Cross”

Llewellyn/Gilkeson

This is the story of the cross—
The Father loved us, oh, so much
That when we did our very worst
Jesus gave His very best
And He died for all of us.

This is the story of the cross—
That we were broken; we were lost.
So then You built a bridge to us,
Took our hand; led us across.
Oh, I’ll never know the cost.



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]

If I said thank You a million times
It's not enough.

But I'll sing praises for all my life
'Cause I'm in love with You.

Oh, oh, oh, amazing grace.

Oh, oh, oh, You took my place.

Oh, oh, oh, now I am changed.

By Your mercy, Your kindness—

This is the story of the cross.

This is the meaning of the cross—

That I am now a friend of God

Oh, even at my loneliest

There's no greater love than this

You took the nails to hold me close.

Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



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.

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Father,

Your mercy and grace are new every morning. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have covered our guilt and shame. His faithfulness counts for us. You call us to grateful faithfulness in response.

Even still, we turn from You. Though we are free from sin and death—free to follow Jesus—we veer off course. We look back at our past failures. We fear the unknown future. We compare ourselves to others—puffing ourselves up with pride or sinking into despair.

Have mercy on us. Fix our eyes on Jesus. Help us to see ourselves in light of the Cross, and to rest in the abundance of Your eternal love for us. Draw us out of our shame, fear, and comparison, that we might take faithful steps in following Jesus.

We ask these things, trusting that even now He represents us before You. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28–30

Congregation: Amen.



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.

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.

***“Hallelujah for the Cross”**

King/Wright

Up to the hill of Calvary
My Savior went courageously
And there he bled and died for me.
Hallelujah for the cross!

And on that day the world was changed,
A final, perfect lamb was slain.
Let earth and heaven now proclaim,
Hallelujah for the cross!

[Chorus]
Hallelujah for the war He fought.
Love has won,
Death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought.
Hallelujah for the cross!

* Please stand
if you're able.

What good I've done could never save,
My debt too great for deeds to pay,
But God, my Savior, made a way.
Hallelujah for the cross!

A slave to sin my life was bound
But all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down.
Hallelujah for the cross!

And when I breathe my final breath
I'll have no need to fear that rest;
This hope will guide me into death.
Hallelujah for the cross!

Ross King, Todd Wright
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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"King of Love"

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
And He is mine forever.

Palmer/Smith



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.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

[Chorus]

Never failing,
Ruler of my heart
Everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is;
The King of Love my Shepherd is.

Lost and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

So through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise,
Within Your house forever;
Within Your house forever.

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* Please stand
if you're able.

***“Doxology”**

St. Francis/Gilley

All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises, Alleluia!
Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit three in one,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

St. Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley
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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.

* Please stand
if you’re able.

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Tessa Kennedy
John 21:15-23

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

SERMON: “Do You Love Me More Than These?” 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;
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

* Please stand
if you're able.

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

"In Christ Alone"

Getty/Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied,



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.

For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!
*'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!*

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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.

*** “The Sands of Time are Sinking”**

Cousin/Palmertree

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I’ve sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes;
Dark, dark had been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

The King there in His beauty without a veil is seen;
It were a well-spent journey though sev’n deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain, the deep sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I’ve tasted more deep I’ll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness his mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bride-groom’s face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace;
Not at the crown He giveth, but on His pierced hand:
The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved’s and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine;
I stand upon His merit; I know no other stand,
Not e’en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

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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.

Announcements

- RUF students are working to offset costs to attend the RUF National Summer Conference later this month. You can help by hiring an RUF student to work for you! A work request link is in the Crosstalk Notes.
- Adult Sunday School is studying 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.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming June 8-12!
 - VBS Registration is open at upcl.com. Children completing kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate in our space adventure through which they will learn about the glory of God.
 - VBS needs many volunteers to assist with everything from food, to decorating, to teaching, to music. Contact Tessa (575-915-9027) for more information.
 - Please pray for VBS and for our many volunteers from UPC and partnering churches working to make VBS a success.
- Young-at-Heart: If you like to eat and chat and are interested in participating in these monthly lunch get-togethers, which are attended generally by older members of UPC, contact Tessa.

This Week at UPC

Mon (5/4): •Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00pm

Tues (5/5): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
•Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm

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

Thurs (5/7): •Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
•Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sun (5/10): •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult Education/Youth-Children Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am
•All Church Prayer Meeting, 6:00pm



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