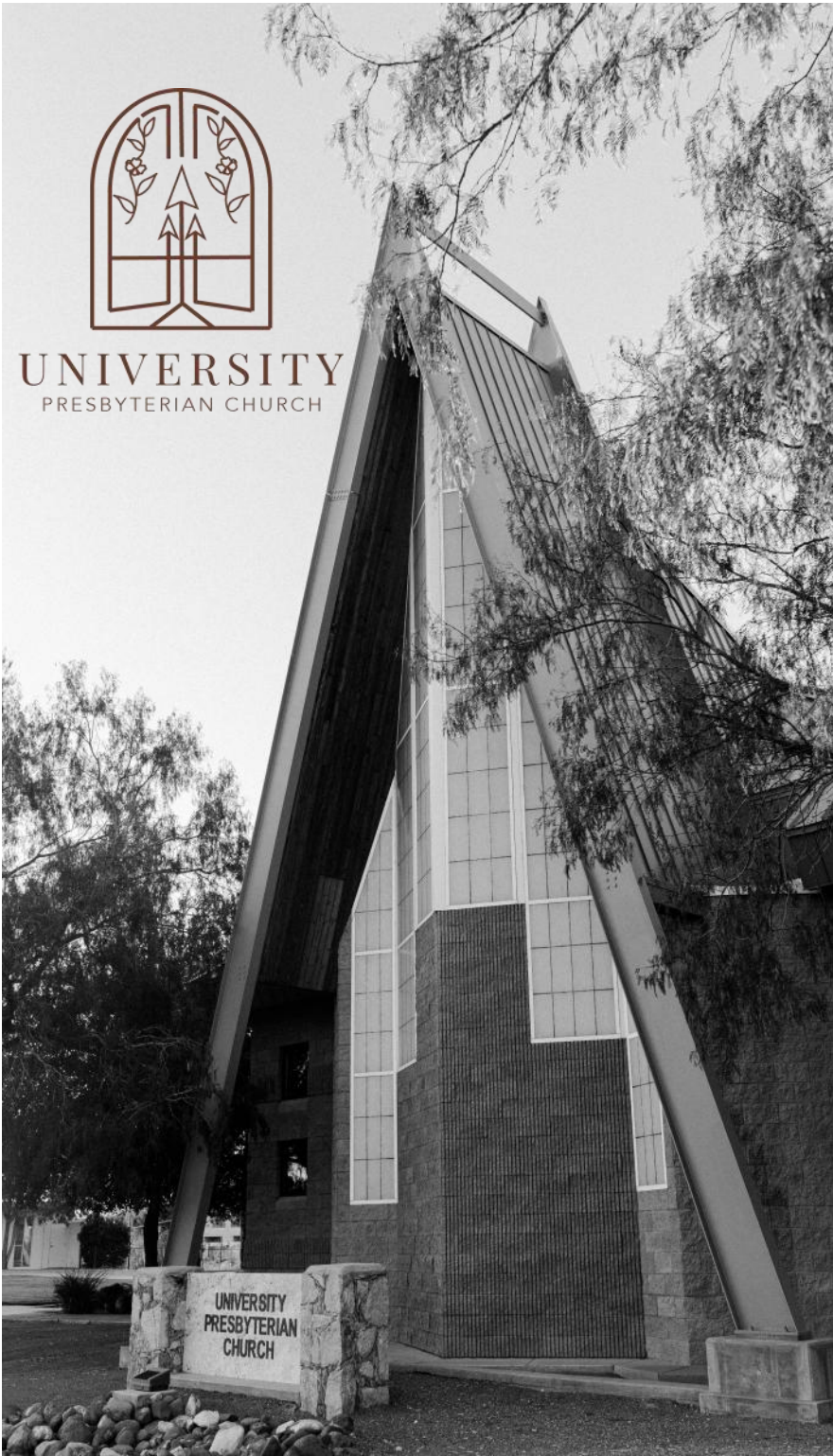




UNIVERSITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

May 10, 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:** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Congregation:** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Leader:** Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**Congregation:** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

**Leader:** He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

**All:** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

*Psalm 107:1–9*

### \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*“Awake My Soul”

Myrin/Story

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise.



#### ***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.

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The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace.

A thousand tongues are not enough  
To say how great you are.  
The glories of your majesty,  
The triumphs of your love.

*[Chorus]*

Awake, my soul, to sing  
The glories of my God and King.  
Arise and praise the One  
Worthy of the songs of a thousand tongues.  
*You're worthy of the songs of a thousand tongues.*

You break the power of all our sin,  
You set the captives free.  
You make the broken heart rejoice.  
New life the dead receive.

Forever you are, forever you are worthy.  
Forever you are, forever you are holy.  
Forever you are, forever you are wonderful.  
Forever you are, forever you are mighty.

Hear him, you deaf; his praise you dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ.  
You blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap you lame for joy.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Our Lord Jesus said,*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Matthew 5:3–10*

## SILENT CONFESSION

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you have mercy upon all—take away from us our sins, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from us hearts of stone, and give us hearts of flesh, hearts to love and adore you, hearts to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.

*Ambrose*

## \* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*



### 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.



### 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.

**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.

**\*“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

**Trinity 679**

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise;  
Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

*[Chorus]*

Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him!  
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust His cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me,  
’Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;

\* Please stand  
if you’re able.

Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end.

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## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### “Ancient of Days”

Though the nations rage  
Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King  
Reigning over all  
So I will not fear  
For this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*[Chorus]*

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days



### ***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.

**Reeves/Robinson**



***Scan to Give***

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O His love is sure  
And He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see  
What the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
For the Savior king  
Then my joy complete  
Standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

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### **\*“Doxology”**

**Trinity 731**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

Thomas Ken

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### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

\* Please stand  
if you're able.

## **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**

John Pummell  
John 20:30-31, 21:24-25

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

## **SERMON:**

“The Witness, the Word, and Walking in Wonder” Dan Smith

## **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.

\* Please stand  
if you're able.

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.

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.*



### ***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.

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## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

**“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”**

**Robinson/Farren**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea

Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

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### **\* MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

### **\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*“Be Thou My Vision”**

**Trinity 642**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—

\* Please stand  
if you're able.

Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'nward O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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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- 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.
- 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](http://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 instrumental in leading children into the presence of our wonderful Savior.
- Young-at-Heart: If you like to eat and chat and are interested in participating in these monthly lunch get-togethers, attended generally by more seasoned members of UPC, contact Judi Lopez (575-993-3641).
- Our RUF students have raised the expenses they need to attend RUF National Summer Conference later this month. Praise God! Thank you to those who have supported our students. Please continue your support as they participate May 16-23 by praying for God to keep them safe and help them grow in Christ.

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## *This Week at UPC*

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**Mon (5/11):** •Ministry & Committee Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm

**Tues (5/12):** •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am

**Wed (5/13):** •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm  
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm  
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

**Thurs (5/14):** •Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

**Sun (5/17):** •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am  
•Adult Education/Youth-Children Sunday School, 9:00am  
•Worship Service, 10:00am  
•VBS Music Practice, 1:00pm



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