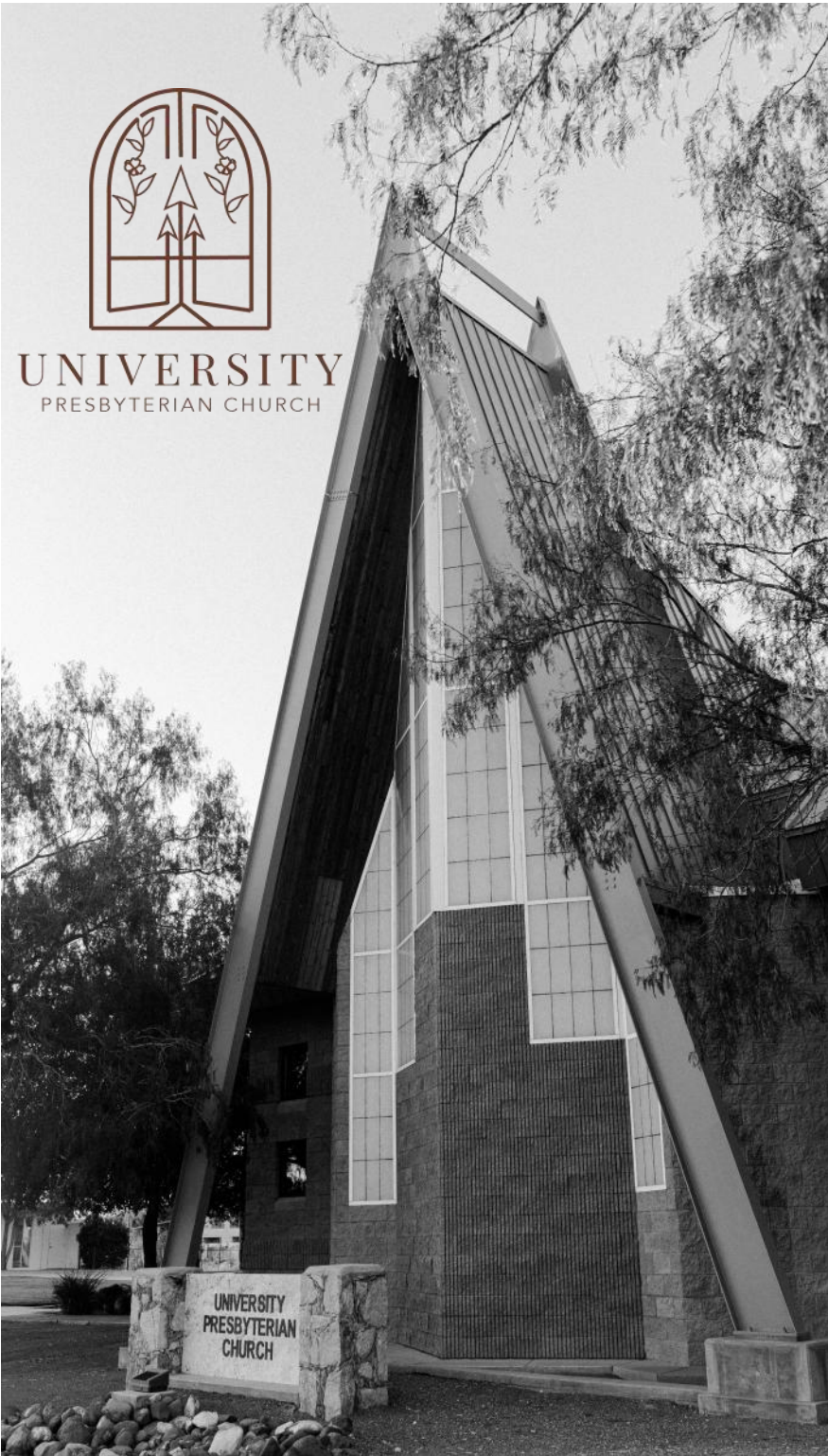




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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

May 17, 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.



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Scan to share a prayer request.

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.”

Revelation 19:6–7

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Arise, My Soul Arise”

Wesley/Twit

Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

[chorus]

Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise,
Arise my soul arise.
Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise,
Arise my soul arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.



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.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love
His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And Father, Abba, Father cry!

Charles Wesley, Kevin Twit

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Our Lord said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:9–12

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and forgive those offenses to your servant which he has caused in others. I contend not in judgment with you, who are truth; I fear to deceive myself, lest my sin should make me think that I am not sinful. Therefore I contend not in judgment with you; for if you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall abide it? Amen.

Augustine

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:15–17



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.

***“The Power of the Cross”**

Getty/Townend

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn, and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin,
Ev’ry bitter thought, ev’ry evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

[Chorus 1]

This the pow’r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

* Please stand
if you’re able.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life.
Finished, the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

[Chorus 2]

This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God slain for us,
What a love, what a cost,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“O Church, Arise”

O Church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is “Love!”
Reaching out to those in darkness.

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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

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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***“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**

Don Lenhart
Acts 17:16-34

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

SERMON:

Dan Smith
“The Resurrection and the Generosity of God”

* 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



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Moore/McCracken

[Chorus]

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together:

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;

He is the LORD our God.

We are not consumed by the flood;

Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn,

My soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;

You are the Faithful One.

And from the garden to the grave,

Bind us together, bring shalom.

Joshua Moore, Sandra McCracken

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* MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH

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

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

Miner/Stennett

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son, forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

[Chorus]

I am bound ... *I am bound*

I am bound ... *I am bound*

I am bound for the promised land,

I am bound ... *I am bound*

I am bound ... *I am bound*

I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

* Please stand
if you’re able.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

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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

- The graveside service for Tricia Leland is set for Monday, May 18, 10:00 am, at Masonic Cemetery, 760 S. Compress Road in Las Cruces. All UPC is invited for this short memorial service at her interment. Loren plans to hold an open house in Tricia's memory in the near future.
- Our first rejuvenated Young at Heart event takes place this Saturday at 8:30 am at the Moon residence for a potluck breakfast. If you like to eat and chat and are interested in participating in these monthly get-togethers attended generally by more seasoned members of UPC, contact Judi Lopez (575-993-3641).
- 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 instrumental in leading children into the presence of our wonderful Savior.
- Our RUF students are attending RUF National Summer Conference this week. Please support them in prayer to God to keep them safe and grow them in Christ.

This Week at UPC

Mon (5/18): • Stated Session Meeting, 7:00pm

Tues (5/19): • Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am

Wed (5/20): • Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
• Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (5/21): • Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sat (5/23): • Young at Heart, 8:30am

Sun (5/24): • Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
• Adult Education/Youth-Children Sunday School, 9:00am
• Worship Service, 10:00am
• VBS Music Practice, 1:00pm
• Hymn Sing, 6:00pm



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