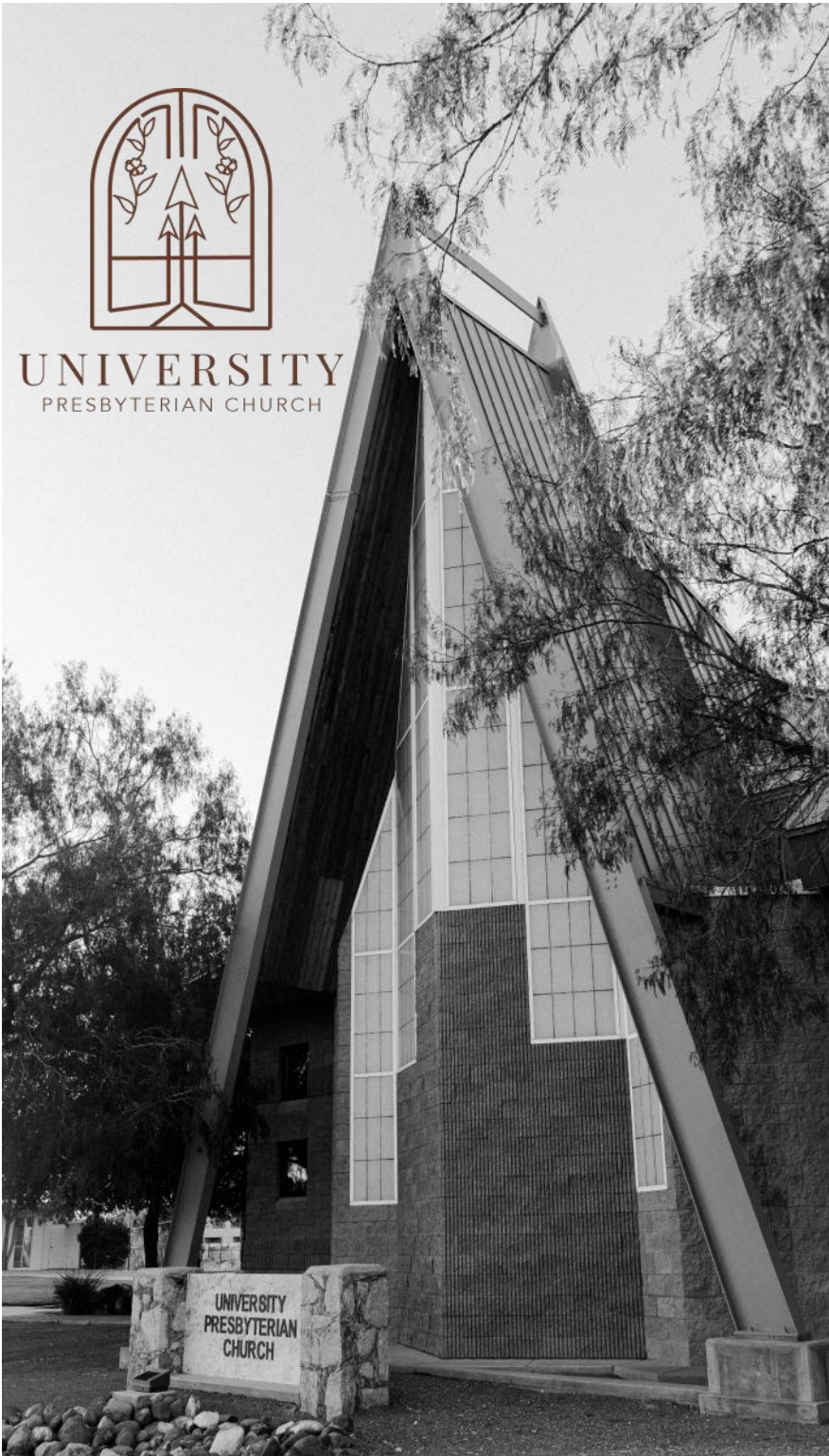




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

May 24, 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: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Congregation: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

Congregation: And he is to be held in awe above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

1 Chronicles 16:23-27

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

***“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”**

Trinity 296

All hail the power of Jesus’ name
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.



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.

*Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.*

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown him Lord of all.
*Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown him Lord of all.*

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
*Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.*

Sinners whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall.
Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
*Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.*

Let ev'ry kindren, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.
*To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.*

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
*We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ...

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 5:20, 48; 6:1, 33; 7:12

SILENT CONFESSION



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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior has done for us. Regard not what we have made ourselves; but what he is made unto us of you, our God. O that Christ may be to every one of our souls, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption! That his precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins; and that your Holy Spirit may renew and sanctify our souls. May he crucify our flesh with its affections and lusts, and mortify all our members which are upon earth. O let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey in the lusts thereof; but being made free from sin, let us be the servants of righteousness. Amen.

John Wesley

* 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. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:8–10

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,



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: and our mouths will sing your praise.

***“Thy Mercy, My God”**

Stocker/McCracken

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
*All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.*

John Stocker, Sandra McCracken

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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.

“My Dwelling Place (Psalm 91)”

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My dwelling place is God Most High;
My refuge and my Fortress.
When plague and pestilence draw nigh,
I’m hidden in his presence.
When terrors fall and arrows fly,
His shield will be my safety;
When stones across my pathway lie,
On angels wings I’m carried.

My dwelling place is God Most High;
A present help in danger.
I rest secure in love’s pure light,
Beneath my Master’s favor.
He pulled me from the fowler’s snare,
Where sin and shame had bound me;
Deceived I’d made my refuge there,
Till fearless he came for me.

[Chorus]

Wonderful, powerful,
My hope and my Defender.
Mighty God, Emmanuel;
My dwelling place forever.

My dwelling place is God Most High;
I’ll never seek another.
For I am his and he is mine;
My heart he’ll keep forever.

I know the Name on whom I call;

He promises to answer.

With life he satisfies my soul,

And crowns me with his pleasure.

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***“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”**

Trinity 737

Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever,

Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever,

For on the holy cross hast thou
the world from sin redeemed.

Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever.

Christ, we do all adore thee.

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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.

* Please stand
if you’re able.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Henry Heerema
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

SERMON: “Proclaiming Christ Crucified” Christian Jokinen

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

"Psalm 23"

Townend

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want—
He makes me lie in pastures green,
He leads me by the still still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

[Chorus]

And I will trust in You alone
 (I will trust, I will trust in you)
And I will trust in You alone
 (I will trust, I will trust in you)
For Your endless mercy follows me;
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.



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.

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Stuart Townend

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***“How Firm a Foundation”**

Trinity 94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

* Please stand
if you're able.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

* 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

- 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.
- The church office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 25.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming June 8-12! Contact Tessa (575-915-9027) for more information.
 - 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.
 - We are looking for food donations for VBS! A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
 - It's VBS car decorating season! Find Tessa after the worship service for car painting to advertise VBS.
 - The first training session for VBS volunteers is Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.
 - Please pray for VBS, for God to work through our efforts to grow community and teach children and their families of the love of our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom the galaxies came to be.
- Foyer Remodel. Renovation to the foyer begins May 27. Please pardon our mess as we seek to improve our space for welcoming people into our church building—and so much more. A pamphlet describing the remodel is available in the foyer (no more than one per family unit please) or through the Crosstalk Notes.
- Breakfast potluck June 7! The first Sunday of the next 3 months we will enjoy fellowship at a breakfast potluck during the Sunday School hour. Bring a breakfast item to share; come hungry!
- Alonso Galvan has been selected to serve as RUF intern to NMSU alongside Lilah Johnson this coming school year! He is seeking support. Text or call him at 575-339-4274 to assist or to ask him more.

This Week at UPC

Tues (5/26): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am

Wed (5/27): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm
•VBS Training, 6:30pm

Thurs (5/28): •Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sun (5/31): •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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