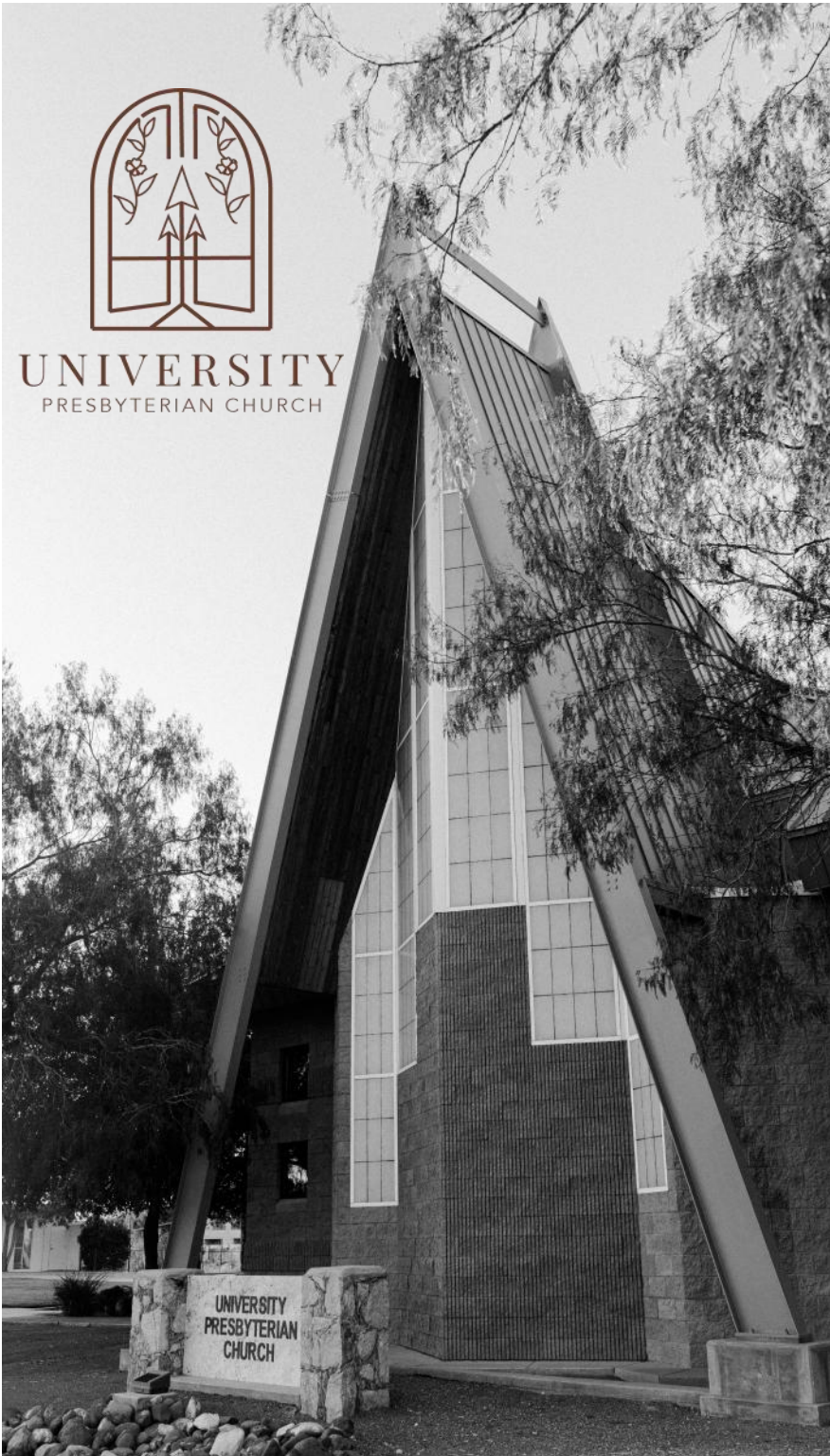




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

July 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@upcl.com.



Scan here to visit our website at www.upcl.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

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Trinity 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!



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.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast Thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health and with loving hand
Guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
Hath not He brought thee relief,
Spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the AMEN sound from His people again:
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

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

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.



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.

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

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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,

Congregation: and our mouths will sing Your praise.

***“I Asked the Lord”**

Newton/Bleby

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and every grace,
Might more of His salvation know,
And seek more earnestly His face.

‘Twas He who taught me thus to pray,
And He I trust has answered prayer,



Assurance of Pardon

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.

But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request,
And by His love's constraining power,
Subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart,
And let the angry powers of hell
Assault my soul in every part.

Yea, more with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe,
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,
Cast out my feelings, laid me low.

"Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried.
"Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?"
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied,
"I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free,
And break the schemes of earthly joy,
That thou mayest seek thy all in Me.
That thou mayest seek thy all in Me."

John Newton | Martin Edward Bleby

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Amazing Grace”

Trinity 460

Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toil and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,



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

We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Trinity 460, John Newton, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Traditional Melody;
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***“Doxology”**

Assisi/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

* Please stand
if you're able.

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Don Lenhart
Galatians 3:1-14

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

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.

SERMON: “Bewitched: The Hypnotic Power of Self-Reliance”

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,

* Please stand
if you're able.

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

"Jesus Shall Reign"

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Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run.
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
'Till sun shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns.
The pris'ner leaps to loose his chains,



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.

The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

[Chorus]

To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days.
Just and faithful, He shall reign,
Jesus shall reign.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honor to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud “Amen!”

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***“All Praise to Him”**

Kauflin/Merker

All praise to Him, the God of light,
Who formed the mountains by His might.

* Please stand
if you're able.

All praise to Him who names the stars,
That sing His fame in skies afar.
All praise to Him who reigns in love,
Who guides the galaxies above,
Yet bends to hear our every prayer,
With sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to Him whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King,
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
Who lived to die, who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts.
The Spirit of all truth and peace,
The fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow.
To You, the Triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise.

Bob Kauflin, Matt Merker
Sovereign Grace Praise
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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.

*** BENEDICTION**

* Please stand
if you're able.

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

- Vado Speedway Family Outing—You and your family are invited to Vado Speedway Saturday, 1 August, at 7:00pm. We will be sitting in Section F. The entrance fee for adults is \$5 for Doña Ana County residents with a valid ID. Please contact John Shipp at (915) 526-4618 for more information.
- Sunday Fellowship Potluck—Our final summer breakfast potluck will be Sunday, 2 August, at 9:00am in the Great Room. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share with the church family!
- Family Dinner Cookout and Water Games—To close out the summer, everyone is invited to come to the Wednesday family dinner, 5 August, wearing swim trunks and swimsuits. We'll have a cookout on the lawn and set up a couple of water slides. Water guns and other water games are welcome!
- RUF Intern—Edgar Galvan has been selected to serve as RUF Intern to NMSU this coming school year alongside Lilah Johnson! He is seeking support. For more details, text or call Edgar at (575) 339-4274.
- Audio/Visual Help—UPC is looking for a volunteer to help with audio/visual and live-streaming tech assistance for special events. If you are interested, and would like to volunteer, please contact LeeAnn Philips at (575) 202-8842.
- Office Coordinator—The UPC office is looking for an Office Coordinator. If you would like to review the job description please check the CrossTalk; to apply for this position, please submit your resumé or cover letter to tessa@upcl.com.

This Week at UPC

Sun (7/26) • Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
 • Adult Education/Youth-Children Sunday School, 9:00am
 • Worship Service, 10:00am
 • Hymn Sing, 6:00pm

Tues (7/28): • Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
 • Women's Book Study, 6:30pm

Wed (7/29): • Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
 • Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (7/30): • Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sun (8/2): • Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
 • Potluck Fellowship, 9:00am
 • Worship Service, 10:00am



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