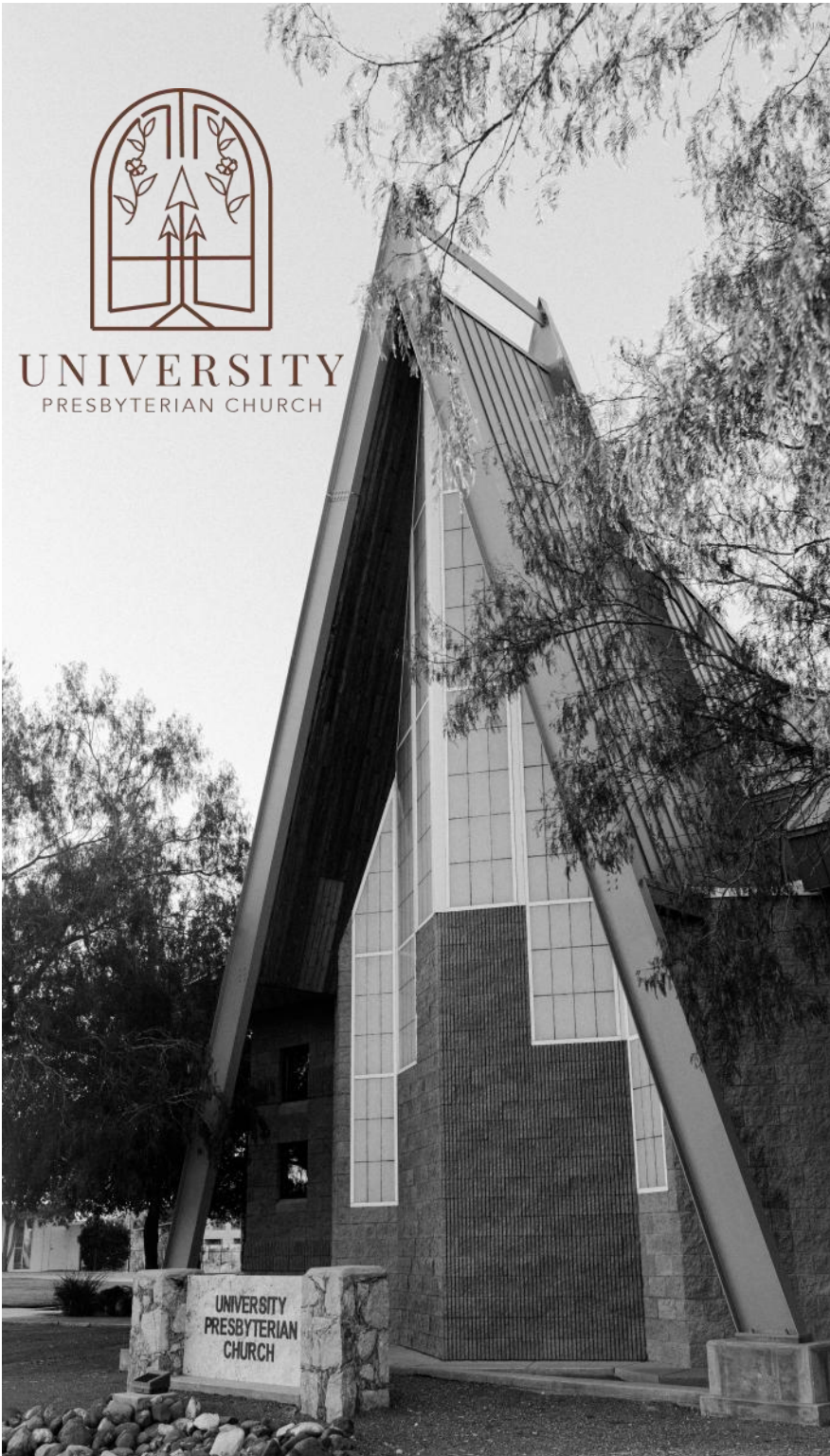




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

August 16, 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

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.

For in Him, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1:15–20

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Come and Adore Our God” (Psalm 8)

City Psalms

Oh Lord, how majestic Your name,
All of the earth gives You praise.
Your glory is lifted on high
With all of creation in praise.

We look on the heavens above,
The moon and the stars that You placed.
Amazed by Your care and Your love,
All of the earth gives You praise.
My heart shall give you 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.

[Chorus]

Come and adore our God,
Awesome in all of His ways.
Come and adore our God,
The Name above all other names.

You placed the earth under our feet,
To care for the world that You made.
The land, sky, mountains, and sea,
All of the earth gives You praise.
So, my heart shall give you praise!

Our pride, O God, the curse of our sin,
With groaning the world seeks the day.
Through Jesus when all life is restored,
And all of the earth gives You praise.
Yes, my heart shall give You praise!

*Come and adore our God,
Awesome in all of His ways.
Come and adore our God,
The Name above all other names.
Worthy of all of our praise,
Awesome in all of His ways,
The Name above all other names.*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He



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.

will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalm 121

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You alone are able to help us.

You made the heavens and earth. You rule over all things.

Yet, we confess that we too often turn to weak and worthless idols.

They whisper promises of protection and comfort.

We kneel down and cling to them, hoping they will shield us from the heartache and hurt that we face in a broken world.

Forgive us! Renew us! Work your faithfulness in us! Protect us from our wayward hearts.

Help us to remember that You alone are worthy of our trust.

Help us to know that You watch over us even when we trip on our own sin.

Help us to trust that You keep us from evil.

Help us find our safety and protection in the One who Rescued us from sin and death in the Cross and has raised us to new life.

You will keep us in Your embrace. Help us find our hope and strength in You.

In the name of Jesus our King. Amen.

*** “Jesus, I Come”**

Sleeper/Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth.
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm.
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

* Please stand
if you're able.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold.
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Jesus, I come to Thee.

William True Sleeper, Greg Thompson

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***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 145:14; Romans 8:1

***“God of Grace and Mercy”**

City Psalms

God of grace and mercy,
God of steadfast love.
God of truth and justice,
There is none above.
You heal the brokenhearted,
You set the captive free.
God of grace and mercy,
Ever over me.



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.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Satisfied”

All my lifelong, I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

Feeding on the filth around me
‘Till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better
Only still to hunger on.

[Chorus]

Hallelujah! He has found me,
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings;
Through His blood I now am saved.



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

Williams/Digerness

Poor I was and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy;
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water ever springing,
Bread of life, so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Hallelujah!
He has found me,
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings;
Through His blood I now am saved.

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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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if you're able.

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**

Lydia Anderson
Galatians 4:8-20

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

SERMON: “The Logic of the World vs. The Logic of Grace”

Dan Smith

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

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if you're able.

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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Stone/Moss

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.



***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.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping, shall be the morn of song!

The church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against a foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
'Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious, shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union, with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion, with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Samuel J. Stone, Brian Moss

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*** "I'll Not Be Shaken"**

Kimbrough

For God alone, I wait in silence;
My soul is still before the Lord.

* Please stand
if you're able.

He is my rock and my salvation,
My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

[Chorus]

I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,
For all my hope is in His love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I'll wait and trust His steadfast love!

Put not your hope in gain of riches;
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,
Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge,
And trust in Him to hear you cry.
No other hope will never fail you;
No other love will not run dry.

*I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,
For all my hope is in his love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I'll wait and trust his steadfast love!
I'll wait and trust his steadfast love!*

Wendell Kimbrough
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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.

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

- Congregational Meeting Today– please join us after the Worship service to discuss bylaws and finances. Your presence will be a valuable part of the changes being discussed.
- Bylaw Review– The congregation is invited to review UPC’s drafted bylaws by 31 August. The draft and summary are available through the weekly CrossTalk Notes, and feedback can be provided by scanning the QR code here:



- Ladies’ Craft Day– Mark your calendars to meet us in the Great Room on Saturday, 22 August, from 9:00am-2:00pm. From 9:00-10:00am, we will help the Fellowship Committee set up for the potluck the following day. After, we will do crafts the rest of the time! Please bring your own lunch for this come-and-go event!
- College Welcome Lunch– Join us Sunday, 23 August, after Worship to host a potluck for our returning and incoming college students. Please bring a main dish and a side to share to make sure there is plenty for everyone!
- RUF Support for Edgar Galvan– Edgar is raising support for his internship with RUF and NMSU. If you would like to talk with him about it, please reach out at (575) 339-4274.
- A/V Tech Help Needed– UPC is looking for a volunteer to help with audio/visual and live-streaming tech assistance for special events. If you are interested, please contact LeeAnn Phillips at (575) 202-8842.

This Week at UPC

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| Sun (8/16) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am•Adult/Children’s Sunday School, 9:00am•Worship Service, 10:00am•Congregational Meeting, 11:30am | Wed (8/19): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm•Men’s Bible Study, 6:30pm |
| Mon (8/17): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Elder Stated Meeting, 7:00pm | Thurs (8/20): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm |
| Tues (8/18): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Women’s Prayer Group, 10:00am•Women’s Book Study, 6:30pm | Sun (8/23): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am•Adult/Children’s Sunday School, 9:00am•Worship Service, 10:00am•UPC College Welcome Meal, 11:30am•Hymn Sing, 6:00pm |



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