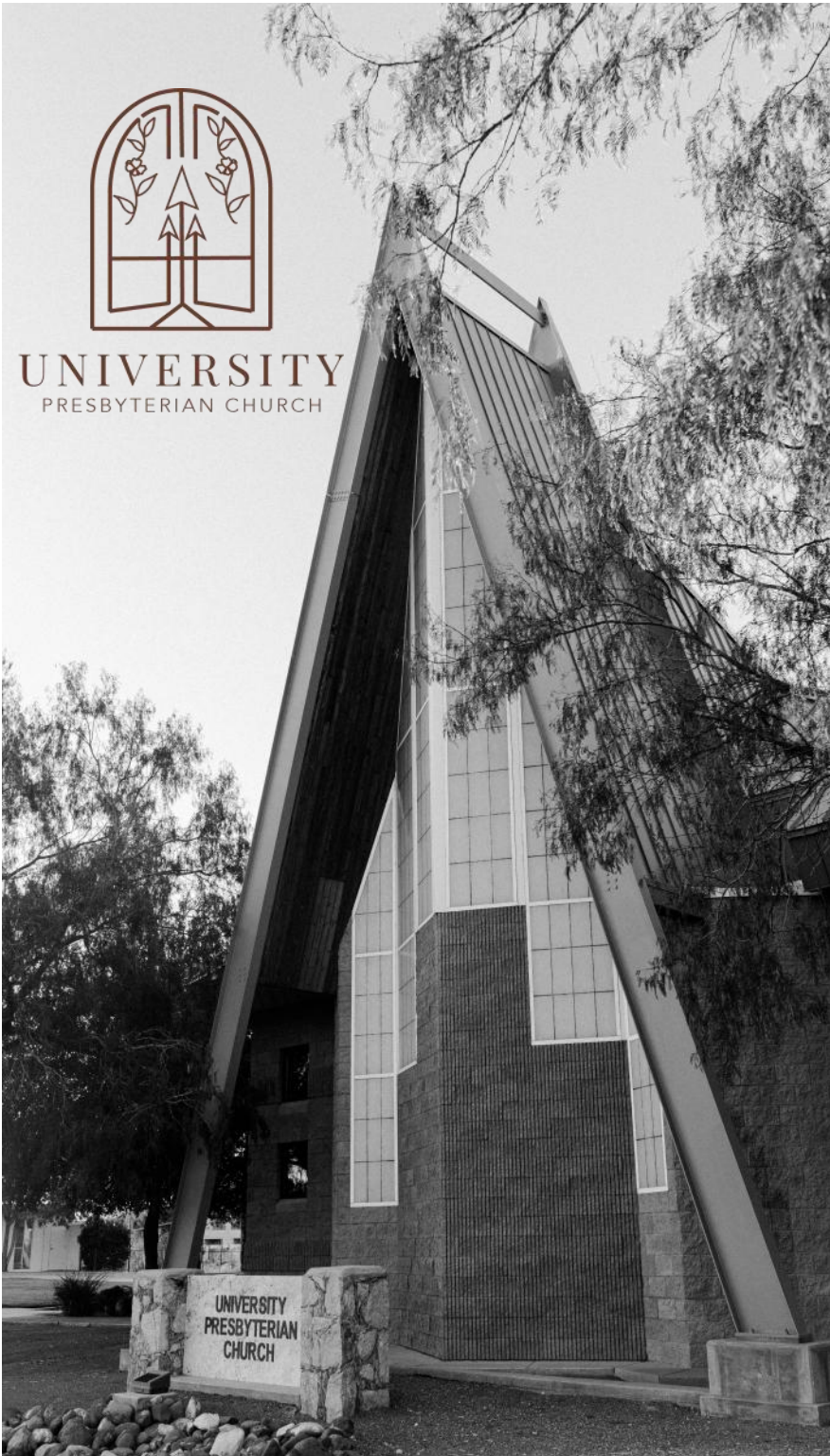




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

August 23, 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: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Congregation: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Psalm 105:1–4

* 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 appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me, I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”

Romans 12:1-3

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, You have given me Your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell. For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God. Without cost and out of pure grace You have given me this boundless blessing in Your dear Son. Through Him you take sin, death, and hell from me, and do grant me all that belongs to Him. Amen.

Martin Luther



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.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4–6

Congregation: Amen.

*“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.

*God of grace and mercy,
God of steadfast love.
God of truth and justice,
There is none above.*



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.

*You heal the brokenhearted,
You set the captive free.
God of grace and mercy,
Ever over me.*

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***“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”**

Trinity 254

Alas! and did my Savior bleed!
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay,
The debt of love I owe;

* Please stand
if you're able.

Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Lord, I Need You”

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

[Chorus]

Lord, I need You, oh I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more;
Where grace is found is where You are;
Where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way,
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You;
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
*And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You;
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.*



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

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You’re my one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.

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***DOXOLOGY**

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!

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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.

* Please stand
if you’re able.

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**

Jo Barrett
Galatians 4:21-31

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

SERMON

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,
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 communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the holy catholic church;

* Please stand
if you're able.

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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Trinity 616

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

[Chorus]

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;



***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.

O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***“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.

* 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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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

- 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:



- 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!
- Young at Heart Luncheon - Join Young at Heart for a luncheon on Saturday, 12 September, at 12:00pm at Jo and Steve Barrett's home: 2110 Gladys Dr. They will provide grilled chicken and a salad bar. If anyone wishes to provide other sides, they will be welcome, but not required. Our hope is to meet on the second Saturday of the month going forward. Please RSVP to Judi Lopez, (575) 993-3641, to provide a head count for the Barretts' planning.
- Women's Bible Study - Ladies, please join us for Bible study as we consider 1 Corinthians this fall. We will start the week of September 7th, Tuesday evening at 6:45pm and Thursday morning at 9:00am. Please let Robin Curry know if you are able to join us so we can get books ordered, or if you will need childcare for the Thursday morning study. Robin can be reached at (575) 644-4577. Both studies will take place at UPC.
- Ewing Meal Train - Please consider signing up to provide a meal through Meal Train for the Ewing family. Please see Wednesday's CrossTalk Notes for dates needed and dietary restrictions.

This Week at UPC

Sun (8/23) •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult//Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am
•College Welcome Potluck, 11:30am

Tues (8/25): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
•Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Wed (8/26): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (8/27): •Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sat (8/29) •Kairos, 8:00am

Sun (8/30): •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am



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