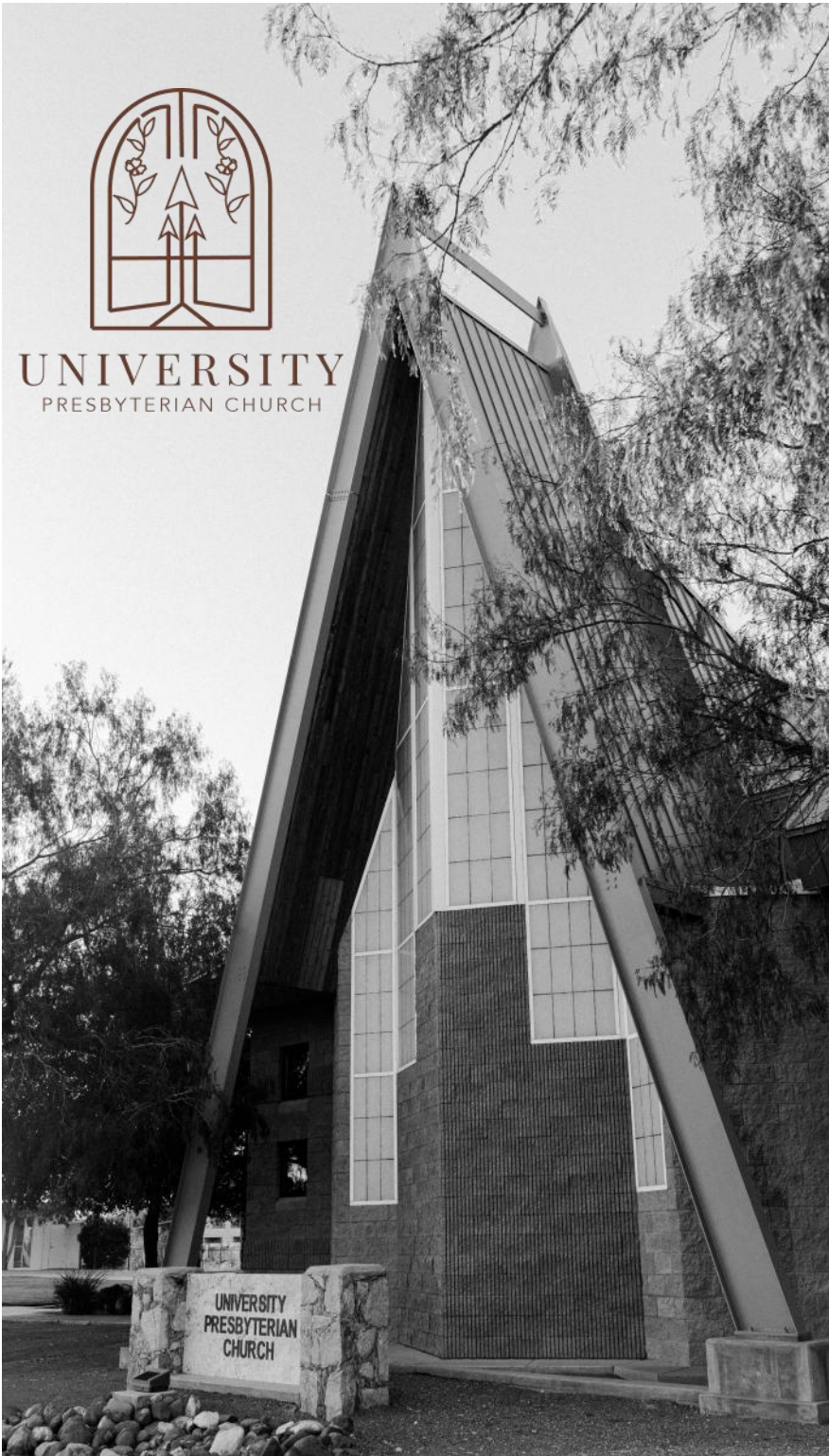




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

August 30, 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: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Congregation: For the LORD is a great God, and King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!

All: For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand!

Psalm 95:1-7

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Oh Give Thanks” (Psalm 107)

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We were wandering in the desert,
With our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland
We did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices,
To the only One who hears.
And the God of mercy came
And brought us near.



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.

We were locked out of the garden,
With our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness,
We were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor
To the only One who hears.
And the God of mercy wiped
Away our tears.

[Chorus]

Oh, give thanks to the Lord,
For His love endures forever.
We were wandering and lost,
And our Father brought us home.
To a safe dwelling place,
To a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh, give thanks to the Lord,
For He is good.

We were fools in our rebellion,
With our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer
To the death we should have died.
Then He heard of our condition,
And He called us by our names.
And the God of glory took
Away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean,
Making wealth and chasing dreams.
But the waves of great destruction
Brought us trembling to our knees.

Then we cried like drunken sailors,
To the only One who hears.
And the God of comfort took
Away our fears.
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Wendell Kimbrough
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CALL TO CONFESSION

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:37–40

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no salvation in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant, according to Your



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.

promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant,
O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a
godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name.
Amen.

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

***“From Depths of Woe” (Psalm 130)**

Luther/Miner

From depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation.

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication.

If Thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O, who shall stand before Thee (*O who shall stand before Thee*)?
O, who shall stand before Thee (*O who shall stand before Thee*)?

To wash away the crimson stain
Grace, grace alone availeth.
Our works, alas, are all in vain,
In much the best life faileth.
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might.
And live alone by mercy (*And live alone by mercy*).
And live alone by mercy (*And live alone by mercy*).

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this



**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.

grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.”

Romans 5:1-2

Congregation: Amen.

***“From Depths of Woe” (continuing)**

Therefore my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit.
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit.
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support.
I wait for it with patience (*I wait for it with patience*).
I wait for it with patience (*I wait for it with patience*).

What, though I wait the livelong night,
And ‘till the dawn appeareth.
My heart still trusteth in His might,
It doubteth not nor feareth.
Do thus, O ye of Israel’s seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed.
And wait till God appeareth (*And wait till God appeareth*).
And wait till God appeareth (*And wait till God appeareth*).

Though great our sins and sore our woes,
His grace much more aboundeth.
His helping love no limit knows,
Our utmost need it soundeth.

* Please stand
if you’re able.

Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free,
From all their sin and sorrow (*From all their sin and sorrow*).
From all their sin and sorrow (*From all their sin and sorrow*).

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Lemmel

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

[Chorus]

Turn your eyes upon Jesus;
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conqu’rors we are!

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well:



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

Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Helen Lemmel
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*** DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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.

* Please stand
if you're able.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Tessa Kennedy
Galatians 5:1-15



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.

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

SERMON

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 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

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 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.

* Please stand
if you're able.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

“Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor”

Steele/Murphy

Lord we adore Thy boundless grace.
The heights and depths unknown.
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,
In Thy beloved Son.

[Chorus]

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor.
The Savior's bounty taste;
Behold a never-failing store.
For ev'ry willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of ev'ry good;
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine!
How rich Thy flowing blood!

Here shall Your num'rous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give,
And joys that never die.

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace.
The heights and depths unknown.

Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,
In Thy beloved Son.

Anne Steele, Brian T Murphy

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***“All My Boast is in Jesus”**

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What wonder of wonders, what love is this,
That Christ would die for me?
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness,
This sinner’s only plea.
O, foolish pride be crucified,
The work is finished!

[Chorus]

All my boast is in Jesus,
All my hope is His love,
And I will glory forever,
In what the cross has done!

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled
With graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill,
Let praises now return.

* Please stand
if you’re able.

Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord,
Who else is worthy?

[*Bridge*]

O praise the One, forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores.
And I will boast in nothing less,
Than the love of Christ my Lord.

I boast not in riches, in strength, in might
But in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ,
In plenty or in want.
That I may know that all may see,
His pow'r within me.

Now, I stand in His freedom,
Ransomed clean in His sight
And I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ!
My boast is Jesus Christ!
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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

- 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:



- Ewing Meal Train - Please sign up for a meal train for the Ewing family. Dates needed, and dietary restrictions, will be available in detail through the link in the CrossTalk Notes email.
- RUF Support for Edgar Galvan - Edgar is raising support for his internship with RUF at NMSU. If you would like to talk to him, please reach out at (575) 339-4274.
- Women's Bible Study - Ladies, please join us for Bible study as we consider 1 Corinthians this fall. We will start the week of Sept 7th: Tuesday at 6:45pm and Thursday 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.
- Young at Heart - 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.
- End-of-Summer Party - High school, college, and all ladies! The Women's Ministry invites you to close out the end of the summer with a bang. We will meet at the Hurds' home at 5:30pm on Friday, 18 September. Come for a meal and goodies, and bring a swimsuit if you want to swim. Please RSVP so we can get a headcount for food and gifts. If you don't have a chance to RSVP, then come anyway!

This Week at UPC

Sun (8/30):	•Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am •Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am •Worship Service, 10:00am	•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm
Tues (9/1):	•Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am	Thurs (9/3): •Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm
Wed (9/2):	•Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm	Sun (9/6): •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am •Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am •Worship Service, 10:00am



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