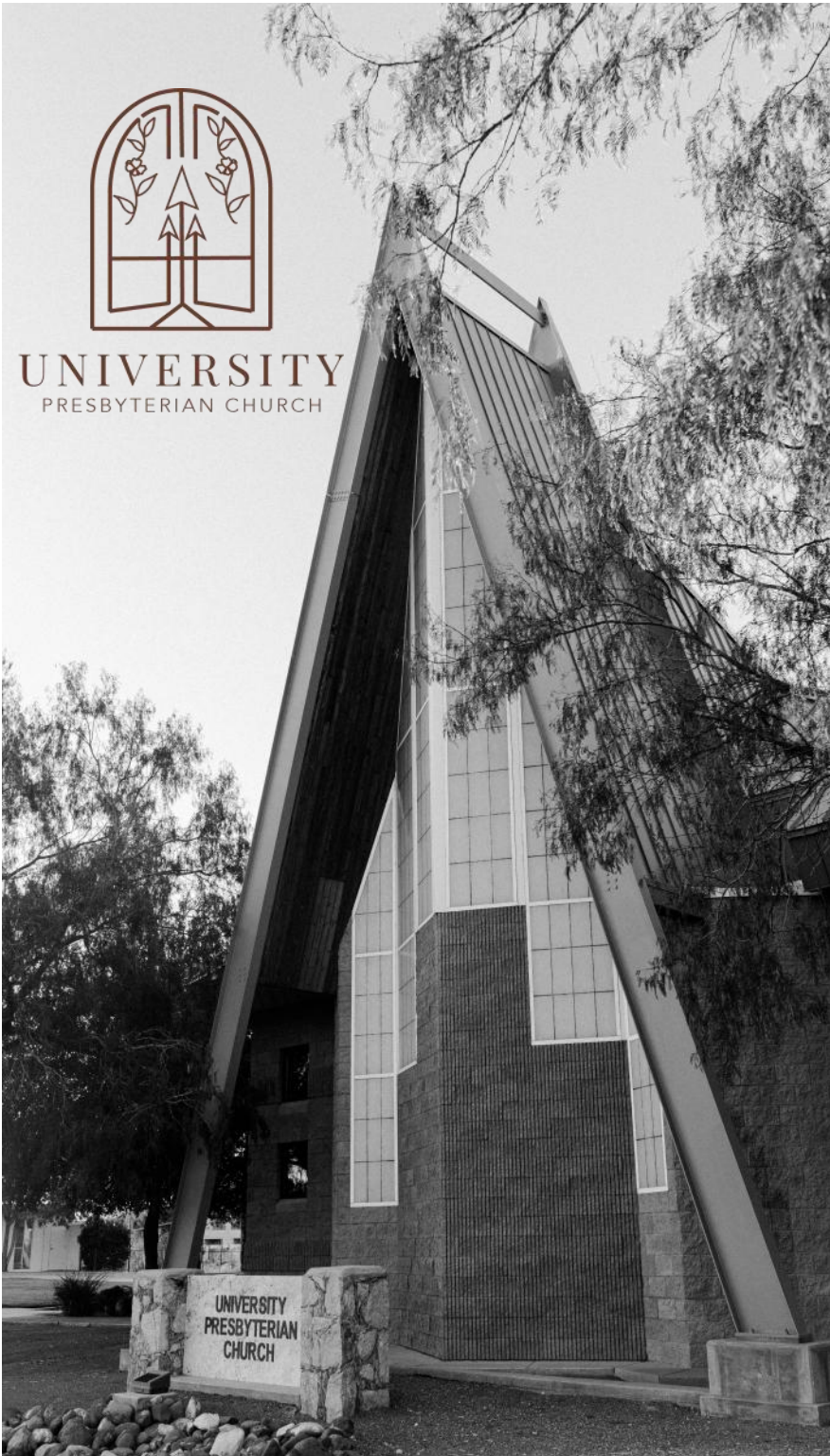




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

September 6, 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: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Congregation: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him and bless His name!

All: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

* “King of Love”

Palmer/Smith

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever;
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth.
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.



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]

Never failing,
Ruler of my heart.
Everlasting, Lover of my soul,
On the mountain high or in the valley low,
The King of Love my Shepherd is;
The King of Love my Shepherd is.

Lost and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me.
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

So through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise,
Within Your house forever;
Within Your house forever.

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**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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall

be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, our God,

We confess that we do not often hear You, because we do not listen.

You speak through Your Word and Your sacraments, but we do not hear Your voice.

We become focused on our own desires.

We become distracted by our own fears.

Forgive us for tuning our ears and our hearts to other voices.

Forgive us for taking other words and promises into our hearts.

Forgive us for prioritizing the words of the world as we walk through our daily lives.

In Your mercy, settle us and calm us.

Help us to hear Your words as words of grace and truth.

Plant them in our hearts that they might bear fruit in us, and in those You give us to love.

Fix our eyes on Jesus, the True Word, whose death and resurrection is Your final word of grace and mercy.

We ask these things that we might truly love You with our whole hearts, souls, and might. Amen.

We ask these things that we might truly love You with our whole hearts, souls, and might.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will He keep His anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.
For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103: 8-14

Congregation: Amen.

***“The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate”**

Ord

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
Slow to anger and rich in love.
The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
Slow to anger and rich in love.

And the Lord is good to all,
And He has compassion
On all that He has made.



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.

[Chorus]

As far as the east is from the west,
That's how far He has removed
Our transgressions from us.
As far as the east is from the west,
That's how far He has removed
Our transgressions from us.

Praise the Lord,
Oh my soul, praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord,
Oh my soul, praise the Lord.

Graham Ord
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***“God Be Merciful to Me” (From Psalm 51)**

Miner

God, be merciful to me,
On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgement just,
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

* Please stand
if you're able.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust,
By Thy wrath and judgement just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee.
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Satisfied” (Psalm 63)

Cotton, Davidson, Aguirre

My God I'll wait for You,
You're the morning light
My soul it clings to You,
Your hand holds me tight.
Sure as the sun
Your mercies rise.
In the shadow of your wings,
I will hide.

[Chorus]

I will bless You as long as I shall live.
My mouth will praise You with joyful lips.
My soul, it thirsts for You, O God, my God.
Here in Your presence I'm satisfied.
Oh, it's Your presence that satisfies.

Bring all your burdens, the weight you carry.
Come to His sanctuary,
Behold His power and all His glory.
Come to His sanctuary.

Singin' Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Amen.

Autumn Marie Cotton | Jared Maxwell Davidson | Meredith Benet Aguirre
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***DOXOLOGY**



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.

***"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 though
The world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore thee.

Trinity 737, Theodore Dubois
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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.

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Silas Heerema
Galatians 5: 13-26

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

SERMON

Dan Smith

* Please stand
if you're able.

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

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



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.

* Please stand if you're able.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

“Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing”

Ashley/Allen

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross I spend,
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinner’s dying Friend.

[Chorus]

O that near the cross abiding,
I may to the Savior cleave,
Naught with Him my heart dividing,
All for Him content to leave.

Here I rest, in wonder viewing
All my sins on Jesus laid,
Here I see redemption flowing
From the sacrifice He made.

Here I find the dawn of heaven,
While upon the cross I gaze,
See my trespasses forgiven,
And my songs of triumph raise.

All for Him content to leave.

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

* Please stand
if you’re able.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Trinity 457

Come, Thou fount of ev’ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount!
I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I’m come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, Oh, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.
*Here’s my heart, Oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

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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

- Office Coordinator— Please give a warm welcome to our new Office Coordinator, Judi Lopez! Judi began on September 1st, and we are thrilled to have her in the office! If you would like to get hold of Judi, she can be reached at upcom@upclc.com. The new operating hours for our office will be Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9:00am-3:00pm (closed Wednesdays).
- RUF Intern— Edgar Galvan will be raising support for his internship with NMSU RUF through December. If you would like to speak with him, please reach out at 575-339-4274.
- Women's Bible Study— Ladies, please join us for Bible study this fall as we study 1 Corinthians. We will begin the week of September 7th: Tuesday evenings at 6:45pm and Thursday mornings at 9:00am. Please let Robin Curry know if you are able to join us so books can be ordered. Please also let us know if you will need childcare for the Thursday morning study. Both studies will take place at UPC. Robin can be reached at 575-644-4577.
- Young at Heart Luncheon—Join Young at Heart for a luncheon on Saturday, 12 September, at 12:00pm, at Steve and Jo Barrett's home: 2110 Gladys Dr. They will provide a salad bar with chicken and other toppings. If anyone wishes to provide other sides, they will be welcome, but not required. If you plan to attend, please RSVP through the link in the CrossTalk Notes.
- End of Summer Party— Calling all ladies, including our high school and college gals! The Women's Ministry invites you to close out the end of the summer with a bang! We will meet at the Hurd's home at 5:30pm on Friday, 18 September. Come for a meal and goodies. Bring a swimsuit if you'd like to swim. Please RSVP through the CrossTalk Notes, so we can get a headcount. If you don't have a chance to RSVP, please come anyway!
- Youth Group— UPC's Youth Group will have their first meeting of the school year this Wednesday, 9 September, at 6:30pm. Please drop your children, grades 6-12, off at the small A-frame. Pickup will be at 7:45pm.

This Week at UPC

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| Sun (9/6) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am•Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am•Worship Service, 10:00am | Wed (9/9): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm•Youth Group, 6:30pm |
| Mon (9/7): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00pm | Thurs (9/10): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Women's Bible Study, 9:00am•Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm |
| Tues (9/8): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am•Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm | Sun (9/13): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am•Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am•Worship Service, 10:00am•All Church Prayer, 6:00pm |



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