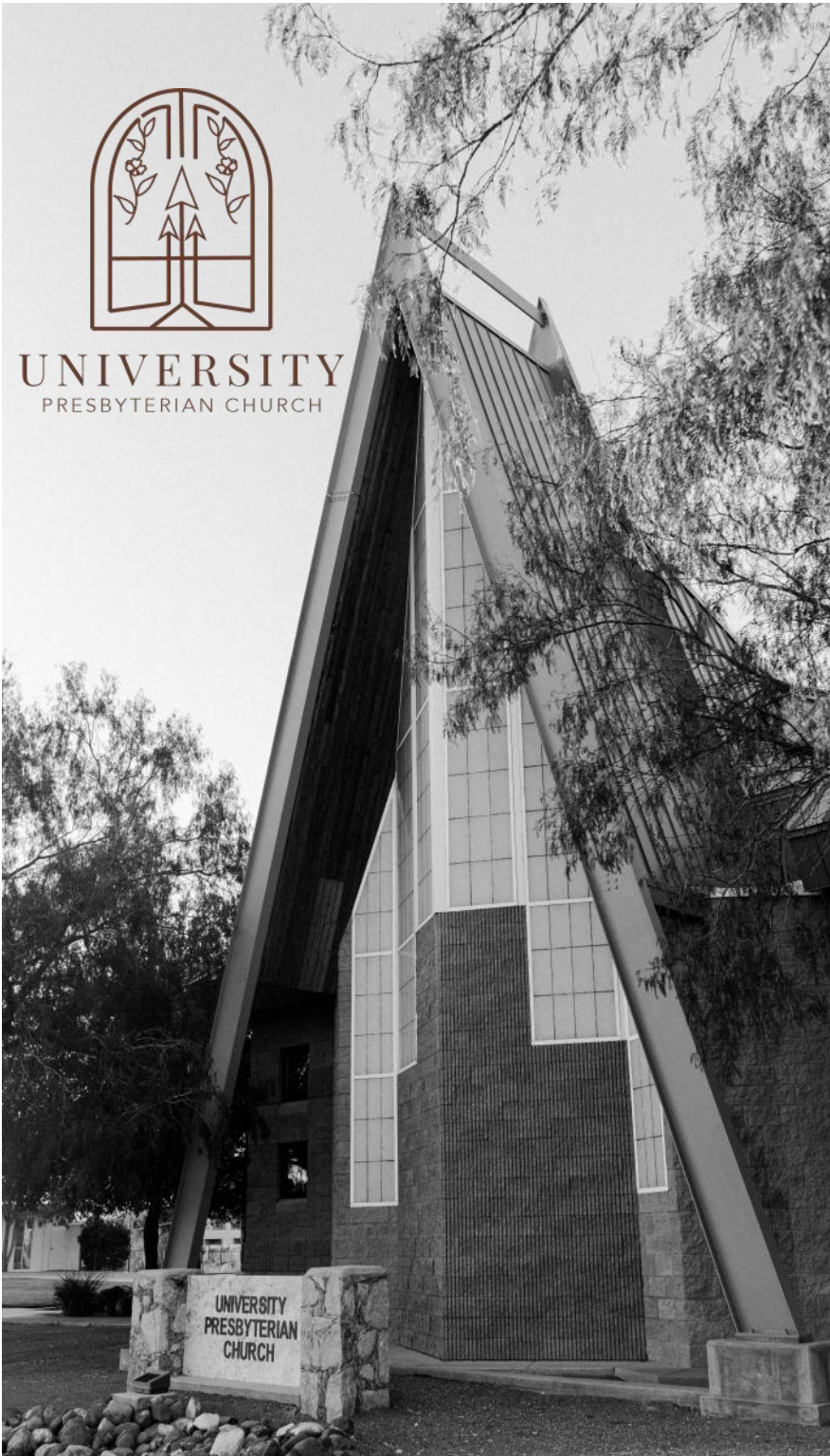




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

September 13, 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: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

All: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

Psalms 107:1–9

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

***“All Creatures of our God and King”**

Baird/Baird

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Oh praise Him! Alleluia!



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.

Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness,
Oh praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One!
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,
Come and rejoice in His great love.
Oh praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin,
Cast all your burdens now on Him.
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign,
Heaven and earth will join to say,
"Oh praise Him! Alleluia!"
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King.
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,
any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same
mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count
others more significant than yourselves.
Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the
interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is
yours in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 2: 1-5

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have pity on us, O Lord, in our misery!
Our sorrows are evil, and they are at strife with joys that are good,
and we cannot tell which will gain the victory.
Have pity on us, O Lord, in our misery!
We do not hide our wounds from You. We are sick and You are the
physician.
You are merciful; we have need of Your mercy.
When at last we cling to You with all our being, then at last we
shall be alive with true life, for our lives will be wholly filled by You.
Amen.

Augustine

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace



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

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.

with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5: 1-5

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.

[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.

* Please stand
if you're able.

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

Graham Ord
1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire)
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***“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

Habershon/Merker

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life’s fearful path.
For my love is often cold,
He must hold me fast.

[Chorus]

He will hold me fast!
He will hold me fast!
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost,
His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast!

* Please stand
if you’re able.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied,
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

Ada Ruth Habershon, Matthew Merker
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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.



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

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
More Songs From Wellhouse
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*** DOXOLOGY**

*** "Gloria Patri"**

Trinity 735

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, amen.

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.

* Please stand
if you're able.

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**

Nianque Shonthaler
Galatians 5:13-26

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 holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles Creed

* Please stand
if you're able.

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

"Behold the Lamb"

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Behold the Lamb who takes our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember,
The promise made that all who come in faith,
Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace,
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you, eat and remember.
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.

So we share, in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love,
Around the table of the King.



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 blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you, drink and remember.
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace,
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,
And to remember,
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ,
As His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim, "Christ will come again!"
And we'll join in the feast of heaven,
Around the table of the King.

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*** "All Glory Be to Christ"**

Kesrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive,

* Please stand
if you're able.

Unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
Tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

[Chorus]

All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come,
On earth as is above;
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price.
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

When on that day the great I AM,
The Faithful and the True,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light.
And we shall e're his people be, all glory be to Christ!

Dustin Kensrue
We Are Younger We are Faster Music
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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 welcome our new OC, Judi Lopez! Judi began her duties on 1 September and we're thrilled to have her in the office! To get a hold of Judi, you can reach her at judi@upclc.com. Our new office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm (closed Wednesdays). Thank you!
- RUF Support for Edgar Galvan— Edgar is raising support through December. If you are interested in supporting him, please reach out at 575-339-4274.
- 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 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'd like to swim. Please RSVP in the CrossTalk Notes email. If you don't have a chance to do so, please come anyway!
- Operation Christmas Child— It's that time of year again! John Pummell will be in the foyer to hand out shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. For more information, you can contact John at 575-652-2419.
- Sanctuary A/C Units—Brothers and sisters, good news! We have ordered the new A/C systems to replace the two units that failed. Installation should be completed in early October. The cost will be just over \$65,000. Several of you have expressed a desire to help cover the financial cost of the units. THANK YOU for your past generosity that made it possible for us to pay for the units upon receiving the quote. Also, thank you for your willingness to give of your God-given resources. If you feel God's leading or want to give a single gift, please designate your gift to the Building Fund. This will re-fill the capital budget reserve that we used to pay for the two units. Giving now will help us continue to wisely care for the physical property God has given UPC. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask one of the Deacons. Again, thank you so much for generously giving toward the work God is doing in and through our church.

This Week at UPC

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| Sun (9/13): | •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am
•All Church Prayer, 6:00pm | •Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm |
| Tues (9/15): | •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
•Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm | Thurs (9/17): •Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
•Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm |
| Wed (9/16): | •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm | Sat (9/19) •Kairos Training, 8:00am |
| | | Sun (1/25): •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult Education/Youth-Children Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am |



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