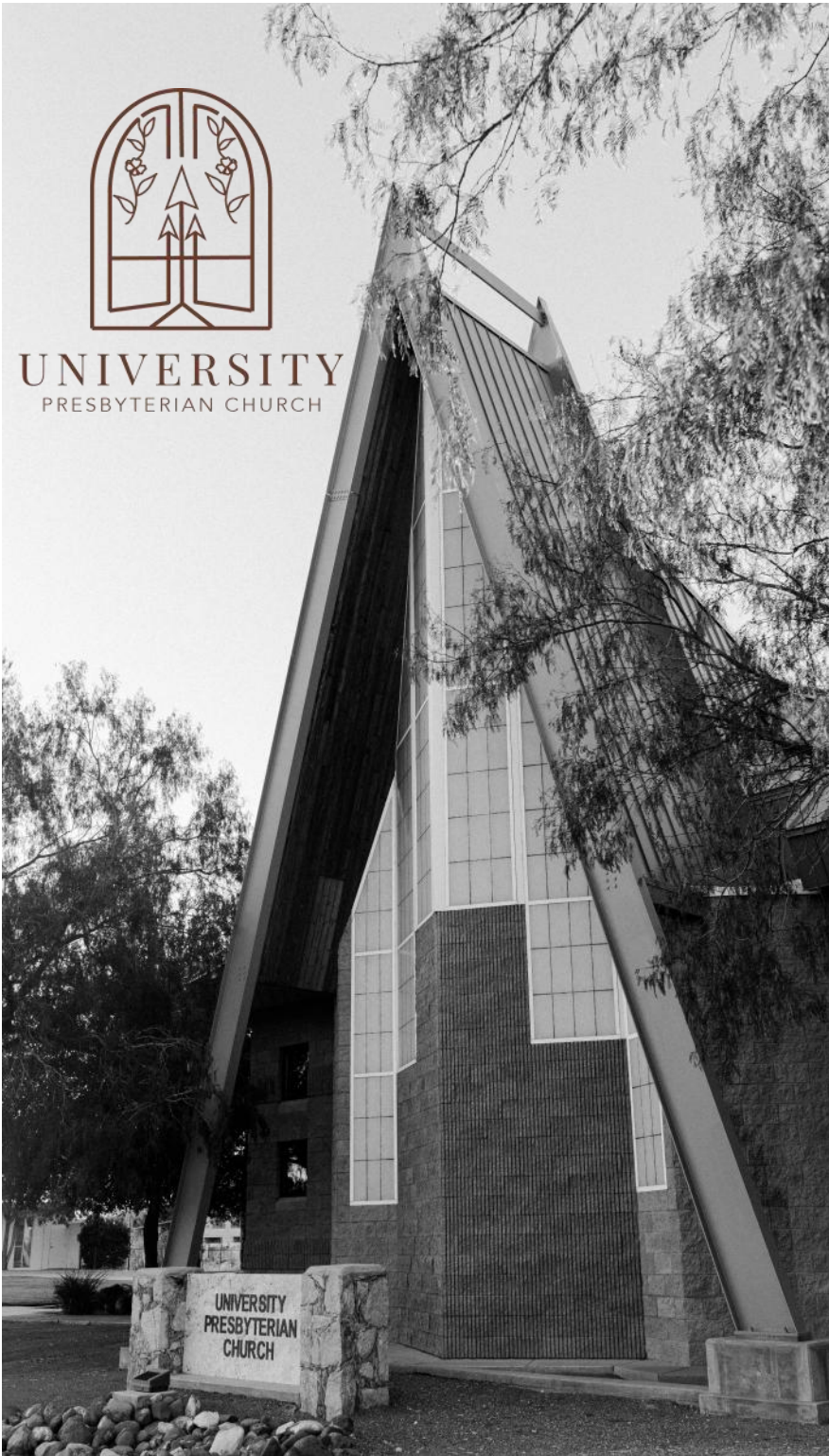




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

September 20, 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

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory.”

Revelation 19:6–7

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Only A Holy God”

Smith/Robinson

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev’ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God!

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God!

[Chorus]

Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God!



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.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God!

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God!
Only my Holy God!

Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Our Lord said, "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:9–12

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and forgive those offenses to your servant which he has caused in others. I contend not in judgment with You, who are truth; I fear to deceive myself, lest my sin should make me think that I am not sinful. Therefore, I contend not in judgment with You; for if You, Lord, should mark



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.

iniquities, O Lord, who shall abide it? Amen.

Augustine



**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.

SILENT CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

1 Timothy 1:15–17

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,
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

* Please stand
if you’re able.

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.

Graham Ord
1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire)
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***“A Debtor to Mercy”**

Toplady/Twit

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing.
I come with Your righteousness on,
My humble off'ring to bring.
The judgments of Your holy law
With me can have nothing to do.
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which Your goodness began,
The arm of Your strength will complete.
Your promise is yes and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
The future or things that are now,
No power below or above,
Can make You Your purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from Your love.

My name from the palms of Your hands

* Please stand
if you're able.

Eternity will not erase.
Impressed on Your heart it remains,
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end will endure,
Until I bow down at Your throne,
Forever and always secure,
Forever and always secure,
Forever and always secure,
A debtor to mercy alone.

Augustus Montague Toplady, Kevin Twit
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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Satisfied” (Psalm 63)

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.

Cotton/Davidson/Aguirre



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”**

Trinity 731

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
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.
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 6:1-5

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

* 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

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Lyte/Moore

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I’ve sought or hoped or known.
Yet, how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me,
Thou art not, like man untrue;
And while Thou shalt smile upon me
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me;
Show Thy face and all is bright.



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.

Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.
O, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go then earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain.
In Thy service pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Storms my howl and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

Soul then know, thy full salvation,
Rise o'er sin and fear and care;
Joy to find in ev'ry station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee;
Child of heav'n, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heav'n's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there.

Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Henry Francis Lyte, Bill Moore

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***“Nothing but the Blood”**

Trinity 307

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

[Chorus]

Oh! Precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this I see;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon, this my plea;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

* Please stand
if you're able.

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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* BENECTION



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

- Operation Christmas Child— It's that time of year again! John Pummell will be back in the foyer to hand out shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on October 4. If you already have your boxes ready, please hold tight until his return to bring them back. For more information, you can contact John at [755-652-2419](tel:755-652-2419).
- 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

Sun (9/20) •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult/Youth/Children
Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am

Mon (9/21): •Stated Session Meeting, 7:00pm

Tues (9/22): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
•Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm

Wed (9/23): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (9/24): •Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
•Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sun (9/27): •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult/Youth/Children
Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am
•Hymn Sing, 6:00pm



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