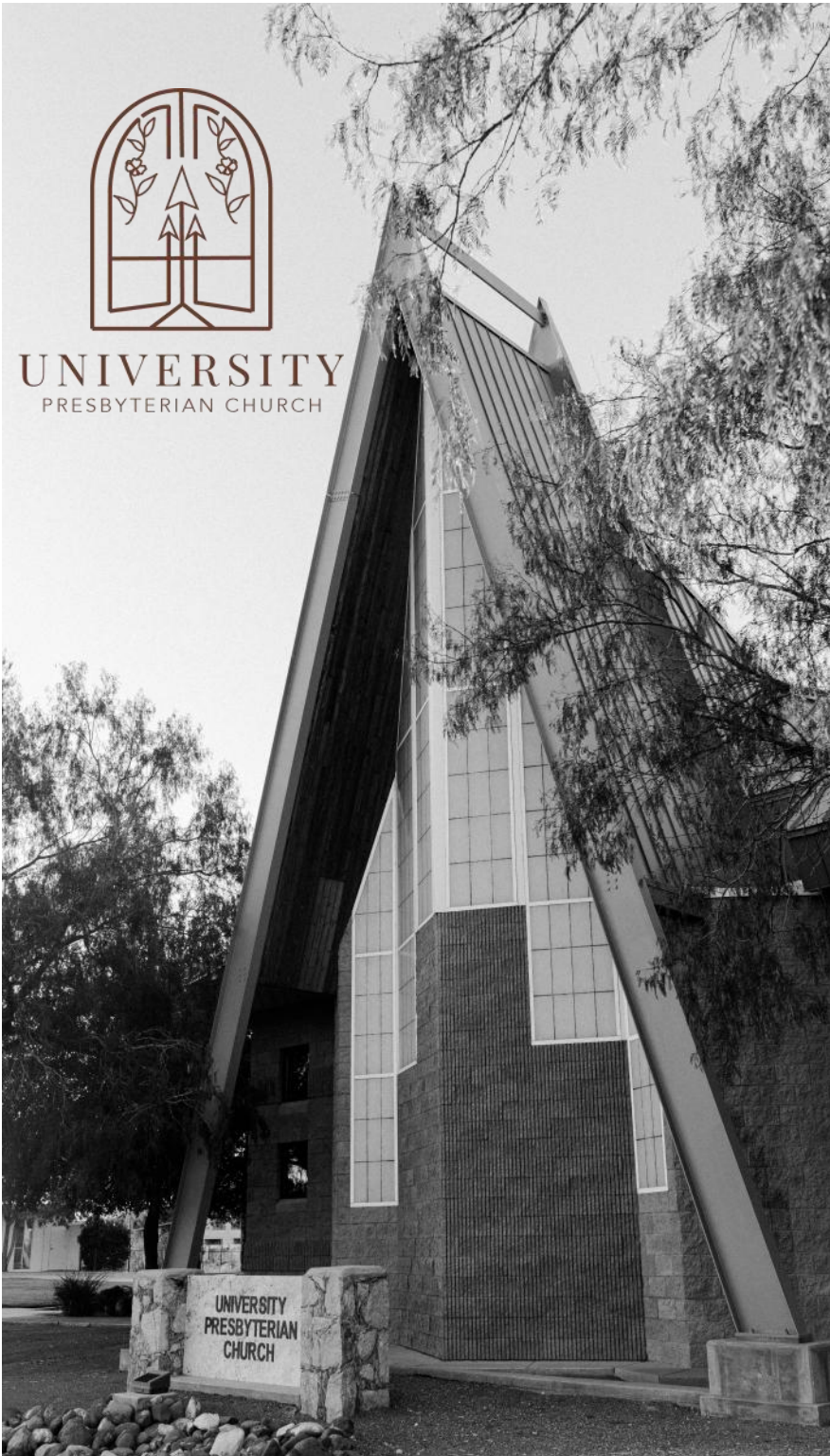




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

September 27, 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: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day.

Congregation: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

Congregation: And He is to be held in awe above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place.

1 Chronicles 16:23-27

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Trinity 604

Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
Give thanks and sing.

Bright youth and snow crowned age,



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.

Strong men and maidens meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song,
God's wondrous praises speak.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
Give thanks and sing.

With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
Give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice.
Give thanks and sing.

At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice.
Give thanks and sing.

Then on, ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,

Give thanks and sing.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6: 6-8

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against You, but what our blessed Savior has done for us. Regard not what we have made ourselves; but what He is made unto us of You, our God. O that Christ may be to every one of our souls, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption! That His precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins; and that your Holy Spirit may renew and sanctify our souls. May He crucify our flesh with its affections and lusts, and mortify all our members which are upon earth. O, let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey in the lusts thereof; but being made free from sin, let us be the servants of righteousness. Amen.

John Wesley



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**

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are My servant; I formed you; you are My servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to Me, for I have redeemed you. Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

Isaiah 44: 21-23

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.

(Repeat)

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***“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

Miner

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
I fain would take my stand.



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.

[Women]

The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land.
A home within the wilderness
A rest upon the way

[All]

From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eyes at times can see

[Women]

The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart with tears
Two wonders I confess

[All]

The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place.

[Women]

I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of his face.
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain or loss.

[All]

My sinful self, my only shame;
My glory all the cross.
My sinful self, my only shame;

[Men]

The sha---dow
In a wea---ry land.
A home of rest
Upon the way

[Men]

The One who suff-
ered there for me
And from my heart
I con---fess

[Men]

I ask no oth-
er than his face.
Content to know
No gain or loss.

My glory all the cross.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

A helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.



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

Trinity 198

So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won.

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***DOXOLOGY**

Trinity 733

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

Carol Baker
Psalm 24



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.

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

SERMON: “The King of Glory”

Christian Jokinen

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

* Please stand
if you're able.

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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Williams/Casella

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side,

Bid my anxious fears,
Bid my anxious fears.
Land me safe on Canaan's side,
Bid my anxious fears,
Bid my anxious fears,
Goodbye.

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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***“There is One Gospel”**

Robinson/Thompson

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity.
It is my story, my Father's plan,
The Son has rescued me.
Oh what a Gospel, oh what a peace.
My highest joy and my deepest need.
Now and forever, He is my light,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel to which I cling,
All else I count as loss.
For there where justice and mercy meet,
He saved me on the cross.
No more I boast in what I can bring,
No more I carry the weight of sin.

* Please stand
if you're able.

For He has brought me from death to life,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found,
The empty tomb still speaks.
For death could not keep my Savior down,
He lives and I am free.
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes,
My life is His and His hope is mine.
For He has promised I, too, will rise,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel the church is one,
We do not walk alone.
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home.
And when in glory still I will sing,
Of this old story that rescued me,
Praise to my Savior the King of life,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
*And when in glory still I will sing,
Of this old story that rescued me,
Praise to my Savior the King of life,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson
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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

- We will have a congregational meeting 10 minutes after today's worship service. We will vote to temporarily extend the terms of Elders David Moon and Robin Rose, and Deacons Chris Kennedy and Luke Biel until December 31, 2026. This is not an election of nominees. This is a temporary measure while our bylaws team continues to align our bylaws with the Book of Church Order of the PCA. The elders will explain more and answer any questions in the meeting.
- 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 [575-652-2419](tel:575-652-2419).
- We are holding our first College and Career lunch today! The Lopez and Baker families are hosting. You can find directions in the foyer next to the bulletins.
- Please see the report below of our budget up to the end of August 2026. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the deacons (Eric Tessier, Luke Biel, Chris Kennedy):

	Budget 2026	Actual Jan-Aug 2026	% Received Used
Unrestricted Funds:			
Revenue	606,639.00	455,234.12	75%
Operating Expense	606,639.00	347,384.20	57%
Special Project Expense (*)	163,280.00	98,609.75	60%
Total Unrestricted Expense	769,919.00	445,993.95	58%

* Special Projects are individually funded from designated unrestricted cash balances.

Cash and Investments at August 31, 2026	589,342.75
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This Week at UPC

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| Sun (9/27) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am• Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am• Worship Service, 10:00am• Congregational Meeting, 11:30am• College & Career Lunch, 12:00pm• Hymn Sing, 6:00pm | Wed (9/30): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm• KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm• Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm |
| Mon (9/28): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stated Session Meeting, 7:00pm | Thurs (10/1): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women's Bible Study, 9:00am• Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm |
| Tues (9/29): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am• Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm | Sun (10/4): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am• Adult Education/Youth-Children Sunday School, 9:00am• Worship Service, 10:00am• College & Career Lunch, 12:00pm |



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