

SUNDAY WORSHIP

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL
SHAPED IN COMMUNITY
CULTIVATING DISCIPLES

October 25, 2026

UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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're so *glad* you're here!

Whether it's your first time at UPC, or your first time at church altogether, we want you to know that you're welcome here.



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!



PRAYER REQUEST?

Prayer is an invitation to bring our hearts before God our Father. More than simply thinking about God or carrying our concerns alone, we are invited to come to Him— expressing our needs, desires, gratitude, and burdens, trusting that He hears us.

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MORE ABOUT OUR
CHURCH?



NEED PRAYER?

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;
make know His deeds among the peoples!

Congregation: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
tell of all His wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in His holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: Seek the Lord and His strength;
seek His presence continually!

Psalm 105:1–4

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 wor-
ship.



*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Let Everything That Has Breath”

Redman

[Chorus]

Let everything that,
Everything that,
Everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Que todo lo que,
Todo lo que,
Todo lo que, respira alabe al Señor.

*Please stand
if you're able.

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Praise You in the morning,
Praise You in the evening,
Praise You when I'm young
And when I'm old.
Praise You when I'm laughing,
Praise You when I'm grieving,
Praise You ev'ry season of the soul.

If we could see
How much You're worth;
Your pow'r, Your might,
Your endless love.
Then surely we would
Never cease to praise!

Praise You in the heavens,
Joining with the angels,
Praise You forever and a day.
Praise You on the earth now,
Joining with creation,
Calling all the nations to Your praise!

Matt Redman
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CALL TO CONFESSION

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an

CALL TO CONFESSION

This is 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.

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iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Therefore, whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:17-20



CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, You have given me Your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell.

For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God. Without cost and out of pure grace, You have given me this boundless blessing in Your dear Son. Through Him you take sin, death, and hell from me, and do grant me all that belongs to Him. Amen.

Martin Luther

SILENT CONFESSION



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was pierced for our transgressions;

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.

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He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4–6

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.

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*“**Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul**”

Steele/Twit

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee when sorrows rise,
On Thee when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies.
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal.
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief

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For every pain I feel.

But, oh, when gloomy doubts prevail
I fear to call Thee mine.
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline.
Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust.
And still my soul would cleave to Thee,
Though prostrate in the dust.

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace
Be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sovereign grace
Attends the mourner's prayer.
Oh, may I ever find access
To breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here, let my soul retreat.
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet.
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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Trinity 164

O, for a thousand tongues to sing,
My great Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

(Women)

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

(Men)

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and list'ning to His voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

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.



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Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye, blind behold Your Savior come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

Trinity 164

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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!

Trinity 733

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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.

*Please stand
if you're able.

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For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Lydia Anderson
Genesis 15: 1-6

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;

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

We come to
Scripture to hear
what God has
said and to be
shaped by what
is true. As His
Word is read
and preached,
we are invited to
listen carefully,
consider what
we hear, and re-
spond with faith
and obedience.

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you're able.

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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 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 BREAD AND WINE

"Upon A Life I Have Not Lived"

Bonar/Twit

Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs,
On these I rest, on these alone.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

We invite those seated closest to the pulpit to come to the table first.

Please file through the outer aisles and back up the 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.

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[Chorus]

Oh, Jesus, Son of God, I build on
What Thy cross has done for me;
There, both my life and death I read
My guilt, my pardon,
There, I see; There I see.

Lord, I believe, O deal with me,
As one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,
As one who has Thy gift received.

I taste the love the gift contains,
I clasp the pardon which it brings,
And pass up to the living source,
Above whence all this fullness springs.

Here at Thy feast I grasp the pledge,
Which life eternal to me seals,
Here in the bread and wine I read
The grace and peace Thy death reveals.

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***MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

“Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!
Hallelujah!”



***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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if you're able.

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*“We Will Feast in the House of Zion” **Moore/McCracken**

[Chorus]

We will feast in the House of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored!
He has done great things, we will say together,
“We will feast and weep no more!”

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,
You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom!

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***BENEDICTION**

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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 declara-
tion 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.

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if you’re able.

SERMON NOTES



THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- 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 in the foyer to hand out shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. ATTENTION: ALL BOXES ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, 15 NOVEMBER. For more information, you can contact John at 575-652-2419.
- **Baby Shower for Melissa Jokinen**- Ladies, please join us on for a baby shower brunch, welcoming the Jokinen family's baby girl! The shower will be held at Lee & Moira Rawson's home on 31 October, at 10:00am. Please use the button in UPC's Wednesday Update email to RSVP. Baby registry is also in the link.
- **Congregational Meeting: Save the Date!** The Session of University Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational and Corporation meeting for 1 November, 2026, to amend Articles I-VI of the UPC Constitution and to adopt new bylaws. The meeting will take place 10 minutes after the end of worship. The Session thanks you for participating in the life and organization of our church.
- **Pray Through the month of November:** The General Assembly of our denomination asks churches to set aside the month of November to pray for global missions, and for God to send many more laborers into His harvest field. As part of UPC, we invite you to join in this denomination-wide endeavor in November. Please see the prayer guide in the CrossTalk/Wednesday Update and consider praying with your families for God to expand the call for laborers for His mission and ministry.

This week at UPC

SUN (10/25)

- Prayers From the Boiler Room, 8:15am
- Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am
- Worship Service, 10:00am
- Hymn Sing, 6:00pm

TUES(10/27)

- Milagro Men's Book Study, 6:30am
- Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
- Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm

WED (10/28)

- Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
- KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm
- Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

**THURS
(10/29)**

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- Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
 - Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

SAT (10/31)

- Kairos Training, 8:00am
- Jokinen Baby Shower Brunch, 10:00am

SUN (11/1)

- Daylight Savings Time ends
- Prayers From the Boiler Room, 8:15am
- Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am
- Worship Service, 10:00am
- Corporation & Congregational Meeting, 11:30am



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