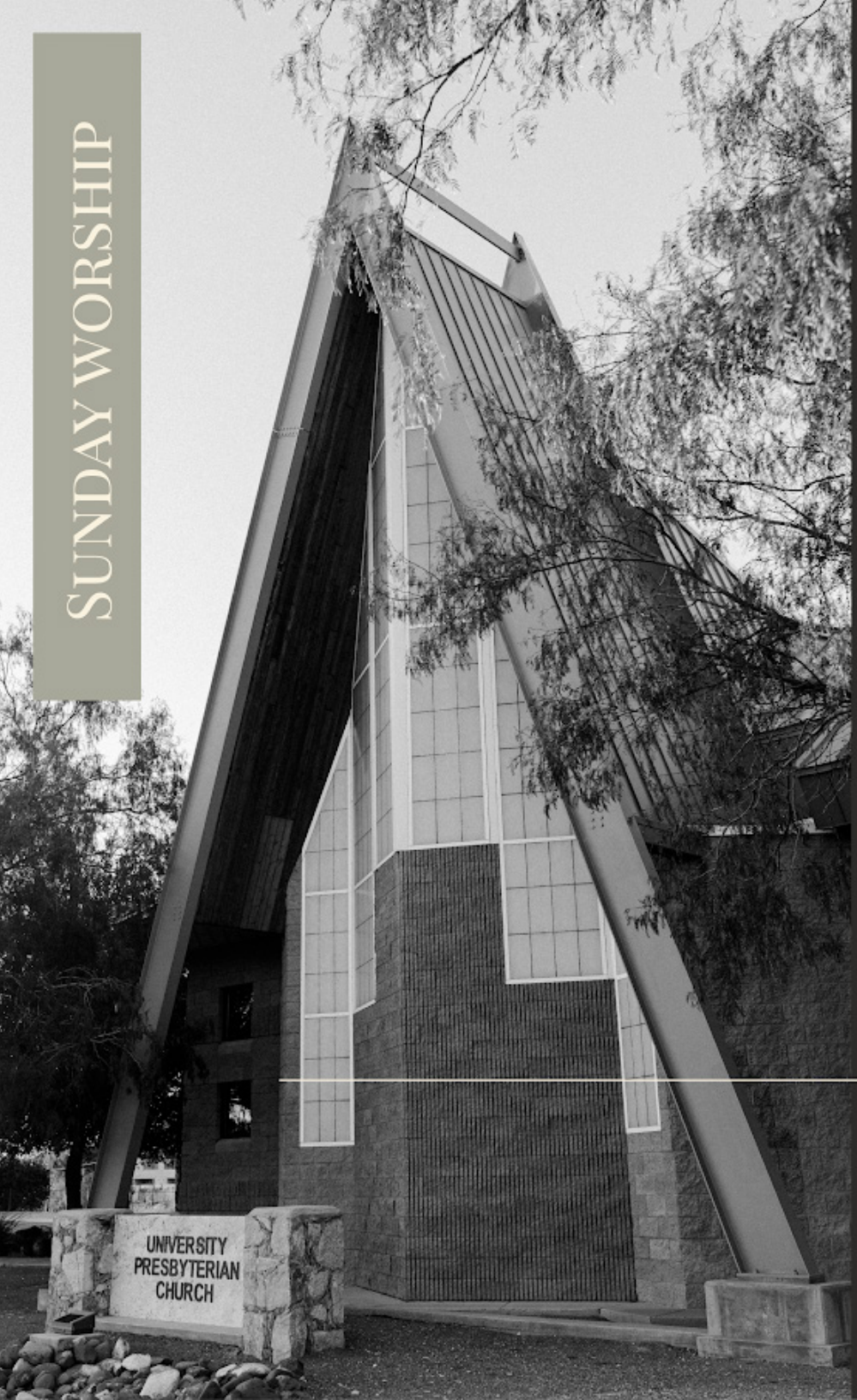
SUNDAY WORSHIP



UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL
SHAPED IN COMMUNITY
CULTIVATING DISCIPLES

November 22, 2026

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.

CONNECT

Want to stay connected to the life of UPC?

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH?

NEED PRAYER?

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
Congregation: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,
Congregation: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
Congregation: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: To Him, who alone does great wonders,
Congregation: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: To Him, who by understanding made the heavens,
Congregation: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: To Him, who spread out the earth above the waters,
Congregation: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: To Him, who made the great lights,
Congregation: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The sun to rule over the day,
Congregation: for His steadfast loves endures forever.

Leader: The moon and stars to rule over the night,
Congregation: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136: 1-9

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

***"Great is Thy Faithfulness"** **Trinity 32**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O, God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

[Chorus]
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear Presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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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.

Praise the LORD!
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!
Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all His praise?

*Please stand if you're able.

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!
Remember me, O LORD, when You show favor to Your people;
Help me when You save them, that I may look upon the prosperity of Your chosen ones,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance.

Psalm 106: 1-5



CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that You are faithful.
You have shown Your steadfast love
to Your people throughout the ages,
And still, we have sinned.
We too often forget Your love.
We too often follow the desires of our own hearts.
We exchange Your glory for false gods that we can see--
gods that promise us comfort and control.
We forget that You have saved us in Your love.
Save us, O LORD our God!
Remind us that we are Your children.
Remind us that Jesus was faithful for us.
Remind us that He conquered sin and death for us.
Help us to trust in Him.
Fill our hearts that we might give thanks to Your name!
Fill our mouths with songs that we might glory in Your praise!

(Based on Psalm 106)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SILENT CONFESSION



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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.

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

Hebrews 10:19-23

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.

God of grace and mercy,
God of steadfast love.
God of truth and justice,
There is none above.

*Please stand if you're able.

You heal the brokenhearted,
You set the captive free.
God of grace and mercy,
Ever over me.
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***"Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)** **Jobe/Ingram, et. al.**

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide.
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend,
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake.
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves, and winds still know
His voice, who ruled them while He dwelt below.

[Chorus]
In You I rest, in You I found my hope.
In You I trust, You never let me go.
I place my life within Your hands alone,
Be still, my soul.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

*Please stand if you're able.

Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past.
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.

[Chorus]
In You I rest, in You I found my hope.
In You I trust, You never let me go.
I place my life within Your hands alone,
Be still, my soul.

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Kari Jobe | Jason Ingram | Jane Laurie Borthwick | Jean Sibelius | Katharina Amalia von-Schlegel

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TITHES & OFFERINGS

"10,000 Reasons" **Redman/Myrin**

[Chorus]
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O, my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O, my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

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 here to Give

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

[Chorus]

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

[Chorus]

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

[Chorus]
Matt Redman | Jonas Myrin
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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.
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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

*Please stand if you're able.

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** Chinyere Awaogu
Ezra 3: 8-13

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

SERMON **Dan Smith**

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 respond with faith and obedience.

***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;

*Please stand if you're able.

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 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.

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.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE

"Lord, Let Your Glory Fall" **Redman**

Lord, let Your glory fall as on that ancient day,
Songs of enduring love, and then Your glory came.

And as a sign to You, that we would love the same.
Our hearts will sing that song,
God, let Your glory come.

[Chorus]
You are good, You are good, and Your love endures.
You are good, You are good, and Your love endures.
You are good, You are good, and Your love endures today.

Voices in unison, giving You thanks and praise,
Joined by the instruments, and then Your glory came.

Your presence like a cloud upon that ancient day.
The priests were overwhelmed,
Because Your glory came.

A sacrifice was made and then Your fire came.
They knelt upon the ground,
And with one voice they praised!

[Chorus]
You are good, You are good, and Your love endures.
You are good, You are good, and Your love endures.
You are good, You are good, and Your love endures today.
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***MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**
"Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!
Hallelujah!"



***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Trinity 457**

Come, Thou fount of every 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.

*Please stand if you're able.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, 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

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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 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

- 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?

*Please stand if you're able.

Announcements

- **Thanksgiving Potluck**--Join us for our Mexican-style Thanksgiving potluck this afternoon at 4pm. Bring your favorite Mexican food.

- **There will be no Hymn Sing this evening!** Please join us next time!

- **Deck the Halls of UPC—** All are invited to deck the halls of UPC the Saturday after Thanksgiving, 28 November. This is a come-and-go event starting at 9am.

- **Lament Service**--Join us Wednesday, 2 December, at 6:30pm, as we cry out to the God who entered creation to ransom His people, who mourn in lonely exile. He is the God who promises to return, to make His blessings flow, far as the curse is found. We will have a brief service of Scripture, songs, and prayers in the Sanctuary.

- **Women's Christmas Brunch and Ornament Exchange --** We will meet at 10:00am on 5 December in the foyer. Bring your favorite holiday-style dish to share and an ornament that represents a way God has worked in your life this past year.

- **Congregation and Corporation meeting**-- The next C&C meeting will be held Sunday, 6 December. Please join us to vote for the re-election of officers and to vote for our new trustees.

- **RUF Final Exams Goodie Bags -** UPC is filling goodie bags again for our college students for Finals Week. If you would like to help, please use the link in the CrossTalk. Items need to be back at UPC by Dec 6th!

- **NEW OFFICE HOURS**-- Due to changes in availability, the new office hours are as followed: Mon/Wed: closed; Tues/Thurs/Fri: 9:00am-2:00pm or by appointment.

This week at UPC

SUN (11/22)
- Prayers From the Boiler Room, 8:15am
- Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am
- Worship Service, 10:00am
- Thanksgiving Potluck, 4:00pm

TUES(11/24)
- Milagro Men's Book Study, 6:30am
- Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am

WED (11/25)
- OFFICE CLOSED. No events.

THURS (11/26)
- OFFICE CLOSED. Happy Thanksgiving!

FRI (11/27)
- OFFICE CLOSED.

SAT (11/28)
- UPC Deck the Halls, 9:00am

SUN (11/29)
- First Sunday in Advent
- Prayers From the Boiler Room, 8:15am
- Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am
- Worship Service, 10:00am



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