

SUNDAY WORSHIP

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL
SHAPED IN COMMUNITY
CULTIVATING DISCIPLES

October 18, 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: There in none like You among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like Yours.

Congregation: All the nations You have made shall come and
worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. For You
are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

Psalm 86: 8-10



*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Trinity 100

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

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.

*Please stand
if you’re able.

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber | John B. Dykes

Trinity 100

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and
know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead
me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139: 23-24

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.



CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

“Merciful God, in Christ Jesus, You have made us Your children. You have named us heirs of Your promises. You have accepted us as righteous. You have promised to make us holy and You are keeping that promise. You have promised that nothing can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus.

Even still, the temptations of the world call to us. The insecurities of the world shake us. In fear and arrogance we trust in our own strength and understanding.

Our thoughts, words, and actions show that we too often turn in on ourselves--away from You, and away from those You have given us to love.

Have mercy on us. Help us to trust and turn to You. Free

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us to live with courage, compelled by Your unshakeable love.
Strengthen us with the hope and truth of Your grace. Fill us with
the hope that you will bear fruit in us and through us.

We seek You in the name of Jesus our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will He keep His anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to His children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.”

Psalm 103: 8-13

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.

Congregation: Amen.

*“Gloria Patri ”

Trinity 735

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.

*Please stand
if you're able.

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As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be.
World without end,
Amen, amen.

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Trinity 735

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***“Hallelujah for the Cross”**

King/Wright

Up to the hill of Calvary,
My Savior went courageously,
And there He bled and died for me,
Hallelujah for the cross.
And on that day the world was changed,
A final, perfect Lamb was slain,
Let earth and heaven now proclaim,
“Hallelujah for the cross!”

[Chorus]

Hallelujah for the war He fought,
Love has won, death has lost!
Hallelujah for the souls He bought,
Hallelujah for the cross!

What good I’ve done could never save,
My debt too great for deeds to pay,
But God, my Savior, made a way,
Hallelujah for the cross.
A slave to sin, my life was bound,
But all my chains fell to the ground,

*Please stand
if you’re able.

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When Jesus' blood came flowing down,
Hallelujah for the cross!

And when I breathe my final breath,
I'll have no need to fear that rest,
This hope will guide me into death,
Hallelujah for the cross!

*Hallelujah for the war He fought,
Love has won, death has lost!
Hallelujah for the souls He bought,
Hallelujah for the cross!
Hallelujah for the cross!
Hallelujah for the cross!*

Ross King | Todd Wright
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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Ancient of Days”

Reeves/Robinson, et al.

Though the nations rage,
Kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King reigning over all.
So I will not fear, for this truth remains,
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

[Chorus]

None above Him, none before Him,
All of time in His hands;
For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.

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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All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night,
Overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me, I am not alone.
O, His love is sure, and He knows my name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though I may not see
What the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Savior King.
Then my joy complete, standing face-to-face,
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

Jesse Reeves | Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson
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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.

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*SCRIPTURE READING

Henry Heerema
Genesis 11:27- 12:9

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

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

Congregation: I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.

I trust God so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because He is almighty God, and desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

Taken from Heidelberg Q & A 26

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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

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

Kauflin/Getty

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

[Chorus]

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess,

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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Christ, our hope in life and death!

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?

"Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours, forevermore!

[Chorus]

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess,

Christ, our hope in life and death!

Now and ever we confess,

Christ, our hope in life and death!

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*MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH

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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*“By Faith”

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By faith, we see the hand of God,
In the light of creation’s grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
With the pow’r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

[Chorus]

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
‘Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed for Messiah would appear,
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

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By faith the church was called to go,
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved,
And the pow'r of the Gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible,
For all who call upon His name.

*We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
'Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

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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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SERMON NOTES



Lined area for sermon notes, consisting of 25 horizontal lines.

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?

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if you're able.

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.
- **College and Career lunch today!** The Barrett family is hosting. You can find directions in the foyer next to the bulletins!
- **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.

This week at UPC

SUN (10/18)

- Prayers From the Boiler Room, 8:15am
- Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School, 9:00am
- Worship Service, 10:00am
- College/Career Lunch, 12:00pm

MON (10/19)

- Stated Session Meeting, 7:00pm

TUES(10/20)

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

WED (10/21)

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

THURS (10/22)

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

FRI (10/23)

- Tricia Hunter Piano Recital, 6:30pm

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



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