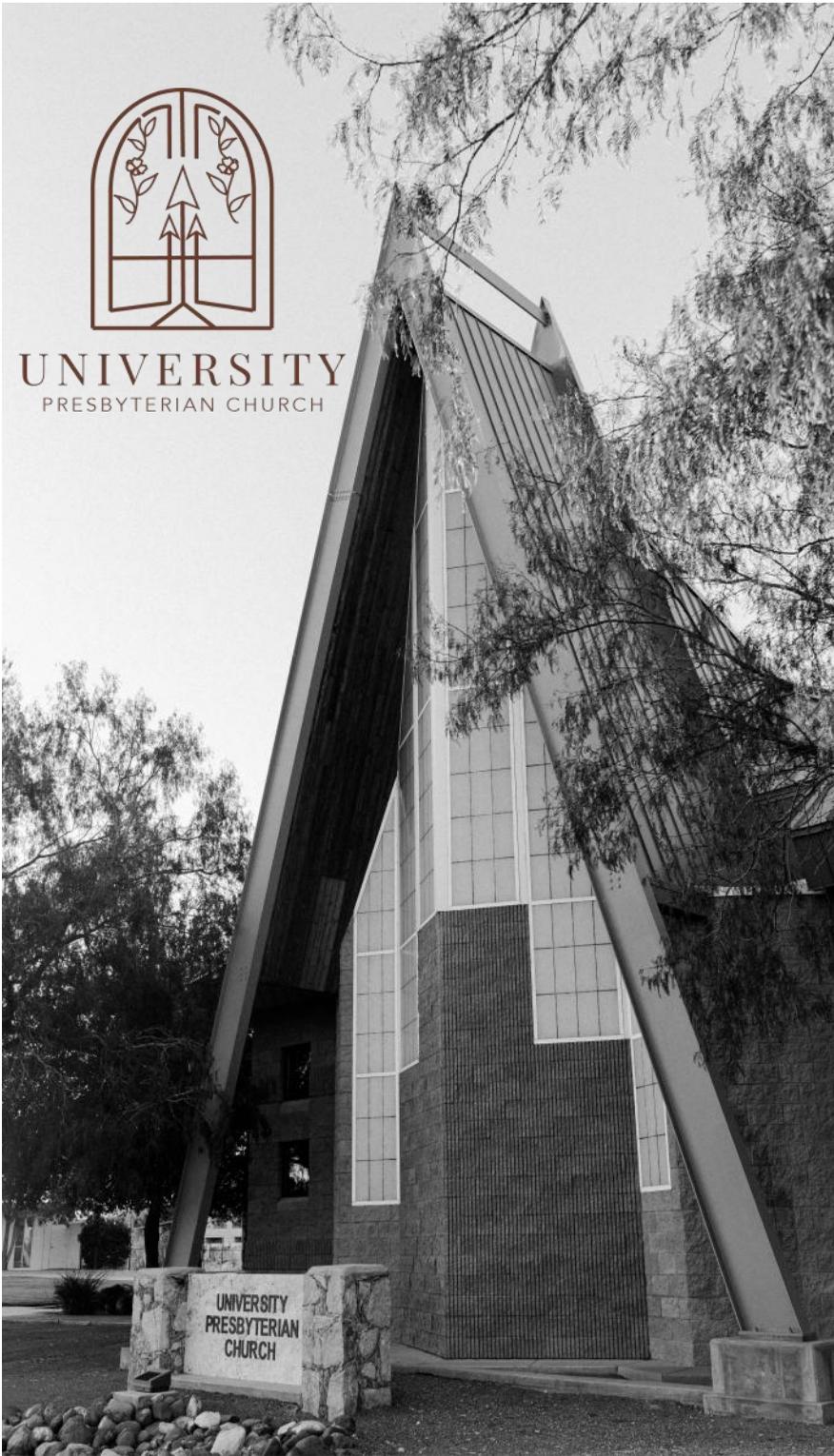




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY

WORSHIP

February 22, 2026

We aim to be a *hospitable* people rooted in the *Word*, in *worship*, and *prayer*—and we are *committed* to *cultivating disciples* in our homes, our church, and the world around us.

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 & connect
with us!*

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 your
prayer concern*

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known 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

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

*“This Is the Day”

Robinson/Thompson

[Chorus]

This is the day
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice as we lift His name
This is the day
That the Lord has made
Come and rejoice
We will rejoice and be glad in it



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.

Whether the sun will shine
Whether the skies will rain
I know that You are good
And this is the day You made
Whether in life or death
Whether in joy or pain
I know this truth remains
That this is the day You made

Now I can walk in faith
You will protect my way
Your every work is good
And this is the day You made
I am a child of Yours
You are the One who saves
I am redeemed by love
And this is the day You made

This is the day
Come and sing your praise
For the Lord now reigns
On the throne of grace
Soon is the day
He will bring us home
And we have this hope
For we are His own

Whether the sun will shine
Whether the skies will rain

* Please stand
if you're able.

I know that You are good
And this is the day You made

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Tiarne Tranter
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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 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

SILENT CONFESSION

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



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.

* Please stand if you're able.

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

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

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;
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

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: The Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will sing your praise.



***Words of
Assurance***

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.

***“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”**

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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

Alas! and did my Savior bleed!
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay,
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.

Isaac Watts
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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* Please stand if you're able.

“All My Boast Is in Jesus”

Fowler/Getty

What wonder of wonders what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness His merit His righteousness
This sinner’s only plea
O foolish pride be crucified
The work is finished.

[Chorus]

All my boast is in Jesus. All my hope is His love
And I will glory forever in what the cross has done.

Now fully forgiven my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up my soul and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy?

O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord.

I boast not in riches in strength or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness to live is Christ
In plenty or in want
That I may know that all may see
His pow’r within me.

* Please stand
if you’re able.

Now I stand in His freedom Ransomed clean in His sight

And I cannot be ashamed for my boast is Jesus Christ

My boast is Jesus Christ; My boast is Jesus Christ!

Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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***“Doxology”**

St. Francis/Gilley

All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others take your part.

Sing his praises, Alleluia!

Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!

O praise him! O praise him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,

O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit three in one,

O praise him! O praise him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

St. Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley

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***SCRIPTURE READING**

Carol Baker
John 18:12-27

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

* Please stand
if you're able.

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.

SERMON: "Who's on Trial"

Rick Downs

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;

* Please stand
if you're able.

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 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

"Come Ye Sinners"

Hart/Smith

Come Ye sinners poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power,
He is able, he is able,
He is willing doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.



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.

* Please stand if you're able.

Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous,
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! Th' Incarnate God ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,
Can do helpless sinners good.

Joseph Hart, Matthew S. Smith
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*** MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

Congregation: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come
again. Hallelujah!

* Please stand
if you're able.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

[Chorus]

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood:
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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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.

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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

- It's that time of year! Please check the directory in the foyer (available through February) to make sure your family's contact information is up to date. This will go into the new UPC app and into a new directory.
- Hymn Sing tonight! Join us at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary as we close out the Lord's Day together with singing hymns to our great and glorious Lord.
- The funeral for Roger Ruth will be held at UPC this Wednesday, February 25. The public viewing begins at 10:00 a.m., funeral service at 11:00 a.m., and graveside service at 12:00 p.m.
- Join us for our Sunday School class, "Joining the church?" Whether you are new to UPC or a member new or old, come learn more about what life at UPC is practically, theologically, and spiritually.
- Baptism Celebration Lunch—On March 1, a lunch at UPC follows Worship to celebrate the baptism of Leo Dávalos. Come celebrate! A donor is providing pizza; bring a small side or dessert to share if you are able.
- Save the Date! RUF will serve lunch March 8 after Worship as a fundraiser for its spring break mission trip to the Navajo Nation in support of the Henry family. Come hungry and support our students!
- RUF Freshman Bible Study Meals—RUF is hosting new students Thursday nights for fellowship, a home-cooked meal, and time in Scripture. A link to sign up to provide a meal is in Wednesday's CrossTalk Notes.
- Maddox Hechler interns this summer with Serge to spread the gospel in London! He seeks financial and prayer support. Text or call him at 575-202-4664 to assist or to ask him more about this opportunity.
- Samaritan's Purse is helping homeowners in hard-hit areas in the South from the recent storm. Visit samaritanspurse.org under "What We Do" to donate, volunteer, or learn more.

This Week at UPC

Tues (2/24): •Women's Prayer Group, 10:00am
•Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm

Wed (2/25): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs (2/26): •Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
•Worship Team Practice, 6:00pm

Sun (3/1): •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult Education/Youth-Children Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am
•Baptism Celebration Lunch, 12:00pm



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