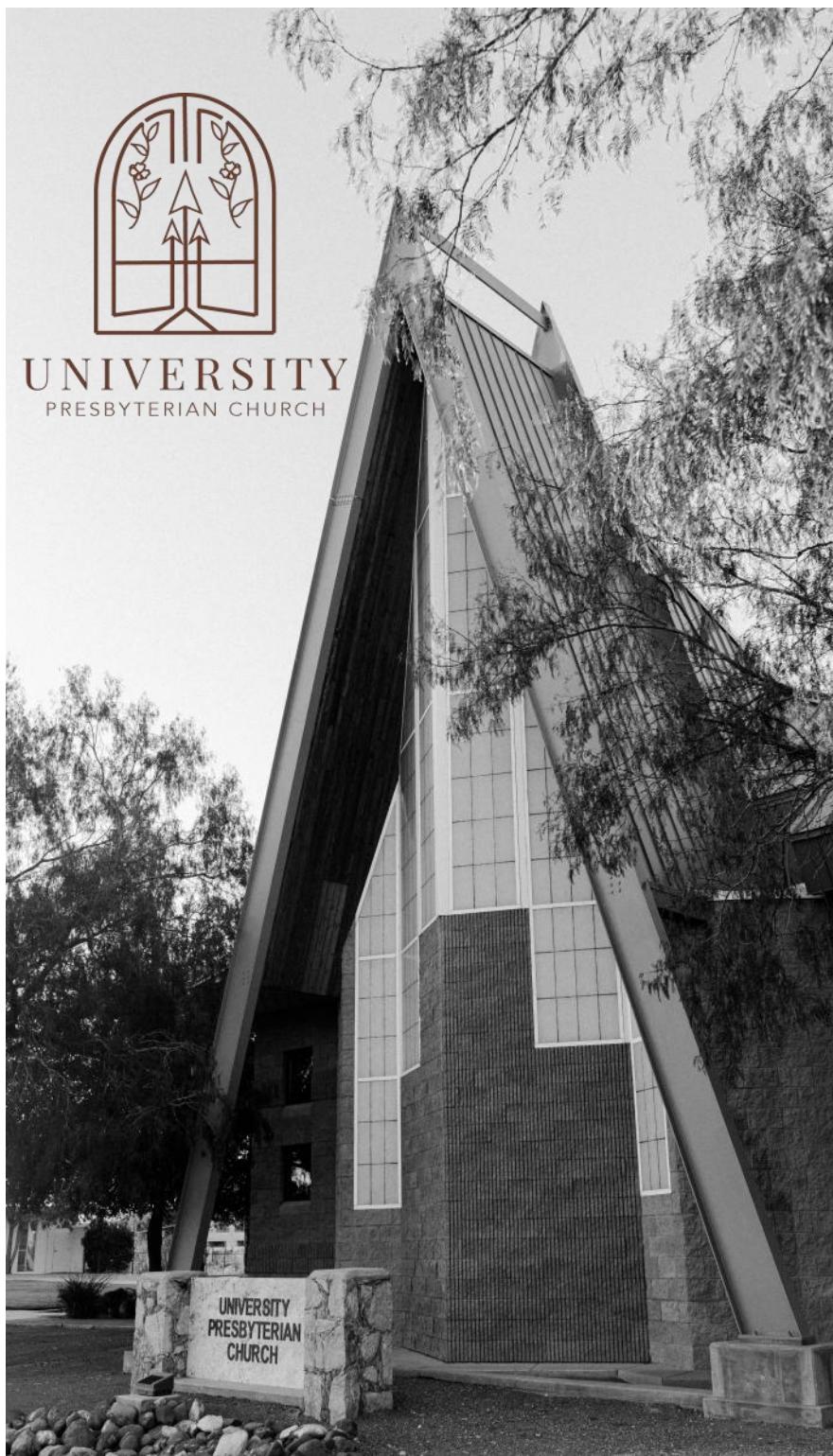




UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



S U N D A Y

WORSHIP

February 8, 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.



*Scan & connect
with us!*

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@upclc.com.

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: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

Congregation: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Congregation: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

***“10,000 Reasons”**

Myrin/Redmon

[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.



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.



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.

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,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

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.

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 forever more!

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redmon
Atlas Mountain Songs
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:7-11

* Please stand
if you're able.

SILENT CONFSSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFSSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever from now on serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.

But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation belongs to the Lord!

Jonah 2:7–9

Congregation: Amen



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.

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.

***“When I Survey the Wonderous Cross”**

Trinity 252

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts
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* Please stand
if you're able.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

[Chorus]

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast

Habershon/Merker



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

* Please stand if you're able.

Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

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***“Gloria Patri”**

Smart/Bonar

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
As it was in the beginning,
now and evermore shall be.

Henry Smart, Horatius Bonar
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***SCRIPTURE READING**

Nianque Schonthaler

John 17:20-26

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;

* Please stand
if you’re able.

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: “A Singular Focus”

Pastor

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

* Please stand
if you're able.

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.



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.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

“No More My God (I Boast No More)”

Watts/McCracken

No more my God
I boast no more
Of all the duties I have done
I quit the hopes
I held before
To trust the merits of Thy Son

Now for the loss
I bear His name
What was my gain I count my loss
My former pride
I call my shame
And nail my glory to His cross

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.

[Chorus]

No more my God
No more my God
No more my God
I boast no more

Yes, and I must,
I will esteem
All things but loss for Jesus' sake
O may my soul
be found in Him
And of His righteousness partake

The best obedience of my hands
Dares not appear
before Thy throne
But faith can answer Thy demands
By pleading what
my Lord has done

Isaac Watts, Sandra McCracken
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***MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

* Please stand
if you're able.

***“Wonderful, Merciful, Savior”**

Rodgers/Wyse

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

[Chorus]

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we’re falling before Your throne

Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse
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if you’re able.

*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

- All Church Prayer Meeting tonight! We meet for prayer each second Sunday of the month from 6-7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us with your family to pray together to our sovereign, holy, and loving God.
- 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.
- A new Sunday School class has started: "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.
- Sunday Morning Coffee & Tea Ministry: David Moon is looking for volunteers to help prepare the coffee and tea bar Sunday mornings. Please call him for details at 575-496-3613.
- 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.
- Feedback from Operation Christmas Child—Thank you to all who filled a box and gave! Over 12 million children who would not have received anything received a gift through this ministry in the name of Jesus.

This Week at UPC

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

Thurs (2/12): •Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
•Worship Team Practice, 6:30pm

Wed (2/11): •Midweek Fellowship Dinner, 5:00pm
•KFC/Youth Group, 6:30pm
•Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Sun (2/15): •Prayers from the Boiler Room, 8:15am
•Adult Education/Youth-Children Sunday School, 9:00am
•Worship Service, 10:00am



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