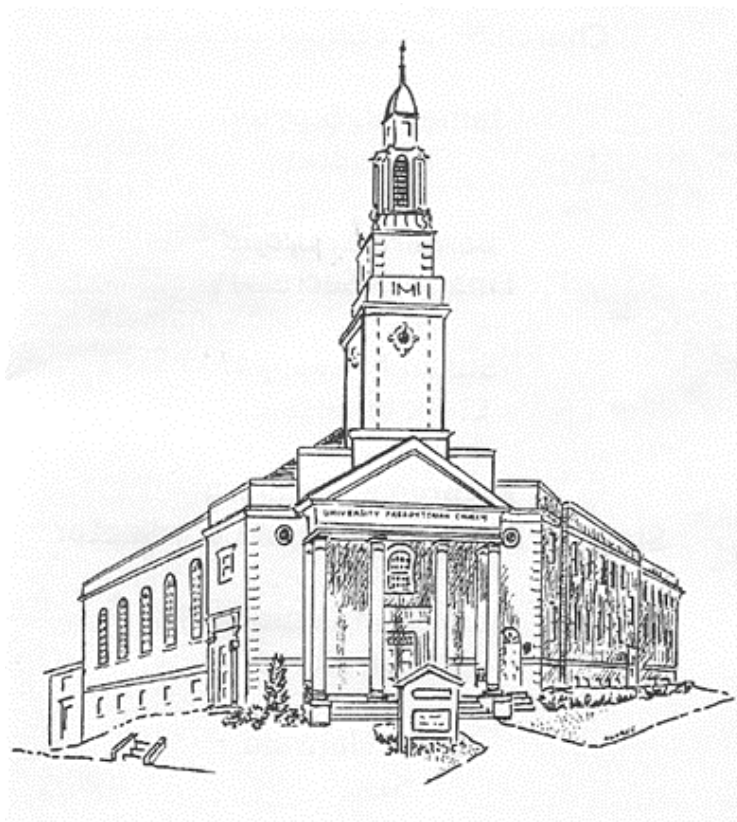


University Presbyterian Church



Sunday, November 16, 2025
10:30 a.m.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost, November 16, 2025
Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 a.m.

AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

In order that people may listen to the music or pray in silence without distraction, please refrain from conversation after the music begins and kindly silence all cell phones. Also, please do not bring any food or beverage, other than water, in the sanctuary. Thank you.

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship. A playroom is available near the sanctuary for young children who are accompanied by their parents.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request which you would like the pastor to include in "Prayers of the People," please fill out the yellow prayer request slip found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate when passed.

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Dialogue sur les grands jeux L.-N. Clérambault
Récits de Cromorne et de Cornet séparé en Dialogue
Duo

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship[†]

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

***Prayer of the Day[‡]**

Ever-Living God, splendid and wondrous are your acts! You give life and breath to your whole creation and watch over those you love.

Strengthen us in every good work, and keep us in your care, that our days may be long to bless you and praise you. You are great, and greatly to be praised! **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Invitation[†] (Psalm 32:5)

The psalmist wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin." Let us not hide our sins from God, but confess before God and one another, assured of God's gracious forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

The Prayer[†]

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon[†] (Psalm 103:11-12)

"For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him."

"As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us."

Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn #581 Glory Be to the Father Henry W. Greatorex

Glory Be to the Father, And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

*Sharing the Peace and Greetings

As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another saying, "the peace of Christ be with you."

*Sung response Hymn #822

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination[†]

Almighty God, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!" Open our hearts and minds to the reading and hearing of your holy Word today, that we may be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with
joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

**The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 12 (p. 641, OT)

Second Scripture Reading Luke 21:5-19 (p. 74, NT)

Anthem Christ is Made the Sure Foundation Dale Wood

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Is the majority always right?"

*Hymn #353 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
Solid Rock William Batchelder Bradbury

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Basse et Dessus de Trompette L.-N. Clérambault

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn #738 Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Henry Percy Smith
Maryton

*Benediction

Postlude Caprice sur les grands jeux L.-N. Clérambault

*Please stand or rise in spirit as you are able and feel so led.

†Presbyterian Outlook, 2025 Liturgy written by Philip K. Gladden.

‡ From Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion

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*Chancel flowers are given in memory of our beloved son
Patrick, by Nick and Pat Cookfair and Casseri*

Participating in Worship:

The Rev. Dr. Christine James, Pastor

Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director

Gregory White, Organist

Lee Ann Grace, Liturgist

Grace Agbemenu, Kathryn Hallborg & Sharon Melius, Greeters

Scott Horton, Live streamer

Next Week:

Priscilla Maddock, Liturgist

Kathryn Hallborg, Amy Maundrell & Tom Somerville, Greeters

Nick Casseri, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, November 16	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship
	1:00 pm	PFlag
Tuesday, November 18	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	5:30 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday, November 19	7:00 pm	Session
	1:00 pm	Pickleball
Thursday, November 20	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, November 23	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time

Thanksgiving Outreach with CBC: We are helping again with this year's Thanksgiving Dinner with Calvary Baptist Church. Volunteers are needed for meal preparation Nov. 17 thru Nov.21, and for packing and delivery on Nov. 22. Volunteer Forms and Meal Request Forms are in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions please see Howard Henry or Val Macer. Thank you!!

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT CAMPAIGN 2025: The focus this year is the Children's Enrichment Ministry of Frontera de Cristo in Agua Prieta, Sonora. All children are welcome, especially children who are at risk of dropping out of school. When a child is enrolled in this safe and nurturing place, then their cousins and school friends join too, because their mothers like to know they are growing and happy. CEM works with 10 elementary schools, churches, the Children's Home and other organizations. They have 3 sites in different neighborhoods of the city and want to expand. Your donation will allow them to purchase the most basic needs: pencils, markers, crayons, balls, storage boxes, foam sheets, paints and other items. From Sunday November 30 to Sunday December 21, there will be a table in the narthex staffed by a Ministry to Community member where you can make a donation and receive a card or cards (designed by Janet Mazzaroppi) to let a friend or loved one know you have made this gift in their honor. Or you may simply make a donation. Any amount is welcome! Checks may be made payable to "University Presbyterian Church" with "Alt Gift" in the subject line. Thank you for your consideration.

University Presbyterian Church's Vision Statement

Let us be **BREAD:**

Beaming Christ's love to our neighbors and beyond

Resounding praise of God in worship with music while caring for one another and growing our faith

Enriching our neighborhood through creative use of our building

Acting with energy to foster a growing, vibrant, and welcoming church family

Developing diversity by engaging and welcoming all of God's beloved people

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