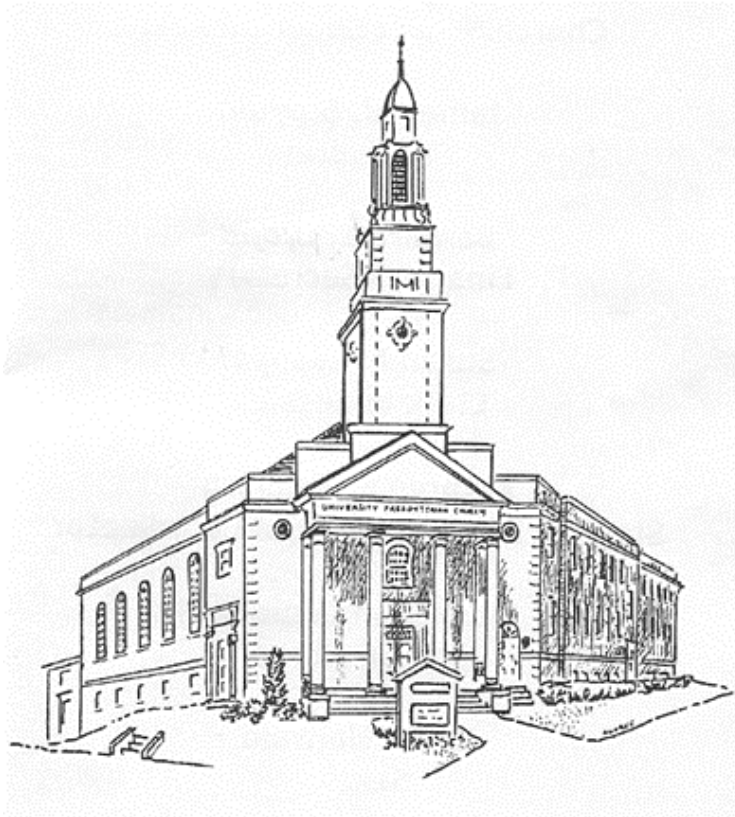


University Presbyterian Church



Sunday, November 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost, November 9, 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. Ushers will take them from the plate and when the offering is brought forward, hand them to the pastor.

If you would like to borrow a hearing device for the worship service, please see one of this morning's Greeters.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Grave Flor Peters

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*please stand if able*)

Stand firm and hold fast to your faith.
God will strengthen us in word and deed.

Prayer of the Day

O God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Confession and Pardon

The Invitation

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

The Prayer

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people
far and near.
Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of
your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength
to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Savior.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon:

Because we were buried with Christ in these waters,
we are also raised to life with him.

Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

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

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts— a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Psalter: Psalm 32:1-7

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they
shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Merciful God, day and night our sins are before us, and we can find no relief. We confess

to you, O Lord, that we have strayed far from you and turned our backs on your love. Turn us again to you and lead us in the way of repentance, that, held in your mercy, we may always stay near you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

The Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 (p. 205 of the NT)

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10 (p. 821 of the NT)

Anthem Sing to the Lord of Harvest Healey Willan

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Some Who Wander Are Lost"

Hymn #649 Amazing Grace Columbian Harmony
 Amazing Grace

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary A Gothic Suite Gordon Young
 Vespers

Hymn #606 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 #761 Called as Partners of Christ's Service John Zundel
Beecher

Benediction

Postlude A Gothic Suite Gordon Young
Buttresses—O God Our Help In Ages Past

The Chancel Flowers are given by Connie Michael in thanksgiving for the courage, honor and sacrifice of all veterans who have served our country, many at great personal cost.

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Participating in Worship:

The Rev. Dr. Christine James, Pastor

Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director

Gregory White, Organist

Howard Henry, Liturgist

Nick Casseri, Scott Horton & Vicki Moorhouse , Greeters

Val Macer, Live streamer

Next Week:

LeeAnn Grace, Liturgist

Grace Agbemenu, Kathy Hallborg & Sharon Melius, Greeters

Scott Horton, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, November 9	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time
Tuesday, November 11	<i>Veterans' Day ~ Church Office Closed</i>	
	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, November 12	2:30 pm	Zoom Ministry to Community
Thursday, November 13	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	5:30 pm	Pickleball

Sunday, November 16

9:00 am	Choir
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:30 am	Fellowship Time
1:00 pm	Pflag

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS & FRIENDS THANKSGIVING DINNER:

University students and other young adults at UPC are invited to Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Lee Ann and Howard on **Thursday, November 27 at 1:00 p.m.** Please let Lee Ann know whether you would like to attend and if you will need a ride or can offer a ride to others. You can speak with her at church, e-mail her at laghh4@gmail.com, or text her at (716) 491-3878.

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.

Welcome Visitors

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), the members and officers, welcomes you today. Your presence strengthens our faith and our commitment as Christ's disciples. We welcome all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus—the way of compassion and justice—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. UPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff

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Rebecca Kroetsch	Choral Director
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Aaron Vivian	Facilities Manager
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Vision Statement of University Presbyterian Church

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