



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

November 5, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints Day (Observed)

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: The Rev. Shelly Moe

Welcome!

*We're glad you are here to worship with us,
whether in-person or virtually on Zoom or YouTube.*

Gathering the People of God

WELCOME

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

Please register your attendance with your mobile device by scanning the QR code to the right or by going to www.upctempe.org/fellowship, and completing the form.



Christ be with you!

⌘ **And also with you!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

(480) 256-8216

*Prayers may be texted to the above number,
or call and leave a message.*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CENTERING TIME & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

BY JOHN H. HOPKINS JR.

Ted Gibson,

Pianist

We use this time to center our spirits, bring our attention to God within our breath, and remember that we are connected to all things through the Body of Christ.

Candles remind us of the light of God's love that exists within each human being and every created thing. The candles on the communion table represent the light of community. The single candle near the pulpit is the paschal candle, the light of Christ that shines on and in the world, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

O taste and see that the Creator is good.

‡ **Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

With hearts and hands and voices,
let us worship together
and share in the peace of God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

"Here in This Place"

#401

(Gather Us In) - Verses 1, 2, 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

‡ **Gracious God,**

**you call us your own children
and shower us with your love.**

**We would seek to be merciful as you are,
and to show compassion as you do,
but too often we fail to live the life
to which we have been called.**

**Where we ought to forgive,
we condemn;
the evil we should shun,
we embrace.**

**Forgive our sinful ways,
tame our wayward wills,
and make us more like Christ.**

**Hear our corporate and private confessions, O God
and renew our spirits
that we might continue to learn
to live into your holy reign.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

Siblings in Christ,
anyone who steps themselves in the Ways of God
will discover the Way to true life.

‡ **Siblings in Christ,
let us lean into God's grace,**

**believe the good news,
and be made new again!**
Through Jesus, our Christ,
we are forgiven!
‡ **Thanks be to God!**
Alleluia!

***RESPONSE TO GRACE**

"Alleluia!"
(Celtic Alleluia)

#587

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Listening for God's Word

MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Shelly Moe

Children are always welcome in worship. We know they'll make some noise during the service—we understand and welcome their participation in their own way.

Parents, if needed, at any time during the service you may take your children into the narthex to stretch their legs or to our special children's corner in the rear of the sanctuary. We do offer childcare upon request—please speak to the Elder in Charge in the Narthex.

ANTHEM

“For the Saints”
JENNIFER KLEIN & DAVID ANGERMAN

Chancel Choir

For the saints who've gone before, who from their labors rest,
we give thanks to you, O Lord, for lives of faithfulness.
They have found their resting place beside the living stream
where they gaze upon the face of our Redeemer King.

You, the gentle Shepherd, hold each within your care,
and the saints all feast at the table you prepare.
We remember those who died, who now before your throne
kneel to you, our loving guide, whose grace has called them home.

We in sorrow yearn for those we loved who now are gone.
Fill us with your sweet repose until we join as one.
Turn our mourning into song; our grieving, Lord, release.
For we know it won't be long; we'll meet the saints in peace.

We rejoice with saints of old who won the well-fought fight.
Now your glory they behold, your kin-dom and your light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3.1-3
Matthew 5.1-12

NT pg. 240
NT pg. 4

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

Responding to God's Word

***RESPONSE**

"Sanctuary"

#701

Lord, pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho-ly, tried and true. With thanks-giv-ing, I'll be a
 liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING¹

Offering may be given as an act of worship during Sunday service, mailed to the church office, or through our website at www.upctempe.org/giving.

OFFERTORY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Jon Sywassink,

ARR. ALBERT TRAVIS

Organist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

The Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

You are invited and encouraged to have some bread or something to eat and a drink as we celebrate the Eucharist.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God be with you!

⌘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

⌘ **We lift them to our Creator.**

Let us give thanks to God.

⌘ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Creating God, source of our being, we give you thanks and praise for you have brought forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. ...

... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with heavenly choirs, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***SANCTUS**

"Sanctus"

BY CHRISTOPHER GRUNDY

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, God of love and jus-tice, the
u-ni-verse is o-ver-flow-ing with your glor-y! Bless-ed is the
one who comes here in your name!_
Ho-san-na in the high-est, al-le-lu-ia!

In Christ you revealed your truth ...

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught, using the words that are on our screens:

PRAYER OF JESUS (Modern)

⌘ **Our Creator in Heaven,
blessed be your name.
Your kin-dom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Keep us from temptation,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kin-dom, the power,
 and the glory, are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

You may come forward when invited by an usher. Receive the piece of bread as a gift from God. Receive the cup as a reminder of our common bond. Place used communion cup on the basket provided.

If you have brought your own elements or are celebrating communion at home, you may receive God's gifts when you are ready.

***COMMUNION HYMN**

"One Bread, One Body"

#530

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
 one cup of blessing which we bless. And
 we, though many, through-out the earth,
 we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

free, wom - an or man, no more.
 works, one in the Lord of all.
 grown, gath - ered to one, for all.

Fine

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All elected leaders: The President of the United States, members of the U.S. Congress and Senate, governors, county officials, mayors, and city council members, that they may all work toward peace for our cities, nation, and world.

Continued Prayers: Dennis Gilliland; Betsy Youngs; Carl and Barbara Smith; Jim Phillips; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke; Diane Watkins; Carl, Sue Coleman's nephew-in-law; Louisa and Lyle Starkey; Joni Jacobs

Homebound: Elaine Murray, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Jean Luce, Andrea White, Elaine Hayes, Pat Gallagher

*If your birthday is missing, please contact the church office
to let us know the date so we can celebrate with you!*

Elders: Alan Sweeney, Lawn Griffiths, Molly Winkler, Brigitta Kuiper, Pastor Eric Ledermann

Deacons: Nancy Martin, Jim Niemann, Laura Green, Jeanette Miller

Trustees: Carol Rickel, Cheri Hardy, Dan Maloney

Presbytery: First Presbyterian (Navajo), Leupp, their moderator, CRE Calvin Kelly and their clerk of session, Annabelle Smallcanyon.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Rm 2): Bible Time explores lessons to be learned from Old and New Testament scriptures through music, hands-on activities, and stories. All children grades K-4 are welcome

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Youth Room): We have a great group of youth in grades 6-12 who are excited for our upcoming events. Be on the lookout for monthly service projects as part of our regular Sunday fellowship. All middle schoolers (6th-8th grades) and high schoolers (9th-10th grades) are invited to join us on Sunday mornings after worship at 11 am! If you have questions or would like more info, contact Ted Gibson, Christian Education director, at tedgibson@upctempe.org.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Sanctuary):

- **Nov. 5 - 12** - Thin Places - Iona, with Catherine May and Dan Abbott
- **Nov. 19 - NO CLASS** - Congregational Meeting for the election of officers and voting on the pastor's 2024 terms of call, followed by the MSJP World Market

LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY (Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Zoom): Join us as we read, reflect upon, and study the scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday in the Revised Common Lectionary. The new year, Year A, of the Revised Common Lectionary is available for download: List Form (www.upctempe.org/rcl).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for our weekly emails and bulletin, submit it to the church office no later than Wednesday of each week. Send it to upc@upctempe.org.

Note: All Zoom meetings may be accessed online via the links provided, or by calling (602) 753-0140 and entering the Meeting ID (the numbers in the weblinks below) and the password, "139." Long distance rates may apply.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Sunday, Nov. 19, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary): Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers, receiving the budget for 2024, and voting on the session-recommended 2024 terms of call for the pastor. All formal members in good standing are asked to be present, either in person or on Zoom. The meeting will happen immediately following worship.

GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY (Sunday, Nov. 26, 11:00 a.m.) : Please join us for the "greening of the sanctuary" for the Advent and Christmas seasons following the worship service.

226th GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS (June 25-27, 2024, and June 29-July 4, 2024, Salt Lake City, UT): Next year Salt Lake City will be hosting the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA). For each assembly the Presbytery of Grand Canyon invites particular churches on a rotation to recommend ruling elder commissions and Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAADs). ***UPC is part of the rotation to nominate commissioners and delegates for the upcoming assembly,*** which will be hybrid, with committees meeting virtually June 25-27, 2024, and the assembly meeting in person June 29-July 4, 2024. If you would like to be considered, please contact Pastor Eric or Brigitta Kuiper, clerk of session, for an application. **Forms are due Nov. 27, 2023.** Commissioners will be elected at the Dec. 7, 2023, presbytery meeting. GA is a wonderful way to witness the amazing work the PC(USA) does around the world. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity!

DINNER FOR EIGHT: Would you like to get better acquainted with others from UPC? Join the next group of DINNER FOR EIGHT which will begin in January of 2024. What is Dinner For Eight? Groups of 6, 7, or 8 people take turns hosting a gathering once a month for four months for a meal and conversation. The emphasis is on fun and friendship, so you don't have to be a great cook to participate! During a four-month period you will host only once, and will be a guest on three occasions. When it is your turn to host, you decide when and where. Visit the signup table in the courtyard after church today or the next couple Sundays. Or you can contact Margaret Branson at 224-406-1507 or mlherbst90@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFICE/STORAGE ROOM is sorted and reorganized. CE would like to share our abundance with all UPC ministries. Before you go out and buy office or craft supplies, check this room first. Take what you need.

TEACHERS URGENTLY NEEDED: The Bible Time Team is mighty - but small. Class is ably taught each Sunday by Jan Felton, but our policies require a second adult. This role is currently filled by Katie Ranes, Vicki Jacobs, and Joni Jacobs. Joni's recent injury has temporarily taken her out of our rotation, through January at least. Katie and Vicki have the December dates covered, but could use a hand for January classes. If this is something you might be able to help us out with, please call Vicki at (602) 315-4295.

XERISCAPE DESIGN PLAN: AN INVITATION TO VIEW AND OFFER FEEDBACK (Thursday, Nov. 16, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary): The moment has arrived! Our landscape designer PJ has completed the final xeriscape plan. We have set up a meeting for all to see the plan, ask questions, and offer feedback. You are invited! Slides will be made from all eight plots of the various areas of campus to be projected on a screen. One hard copy of all eight plots will be available for a closer look—each print is 24" x 36". Join us as we continue in this very worthwhile endeavor.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please consider becoming involved in one or two of the many activities that make Sunday Mornings / Worship work. For questions or sign up, please contact Joan Grey (602) 818-1110 or joanmg251@cox.net.

RISE SHINE BREAD: We have delivered 4,874 mini-loaves and 3,925 full-sized loaves of bread to those in need. Thanks to the UPC bakers and please invite your friends to become a baker. Please contact Andrea White at info@riseshinebread.org or (480) 580-3021. Here is a link to a video you can view! <https://youtu.be/Go5llLLjTuw>.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP PAD (www.upctempe.org/fellowship, or scan the QR code):

If you are attending worship either on Zoom or YouTube, remember to complete the online Fellowship Pad and include your prayer requests. Also, please include any new contact info (phone, email, etc.) and check the "New contact info" box. ***If your contact info has not changed, you do not need to include your address or phone number.***



UPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

*Find Zoom links and calendar updates at
www.upctempe.org/events.*

*Subscribe to the Weekly Update for Zoom links:
www.upctempe.org/email*

Sun., Nov 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints Day Observed

Family Promise (MR, K, L. Rm 2-3)

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
11:00 am Membership Inquiry (CR)
11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 3)
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Youth Room)
11:00 am Adult Christian Education (S)
4:00 pm TIF Interfaith Prayer Vigil (First Institutional Baptist Church)

Mon., Nov 6

Family Promise (MR, K, L. Rm 2-3)

4:30 pm ACE Team (Z)
7:00 pm Administration Committee (Z)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Nov 7

Family Promise (MR, K, L. Rm 2-3)

Wed., Nov 8

Family Promise (MR, K, L. Rm 2-3)

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (Z)
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner (K, FH)
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Thu., Nov 9

Family Promise (MR, K, L. Rm 2-3)

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)
7:00 pm MSJP Committee (Z)

Fri., Nov 10

Family Promise (MR, K, L. Rm 2-3)

12:30 pm Wedding Vow Renewal: Robyn Murphy & David Brubaker (S)
3:00 pm I-HELP –Meal: Sai Organization (FH, K)
8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Nov 11

Family Promise (MR, K, L. Rm 2-3)

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart (Memorial Garden)
10:30 am Interment: Evelyn Gilmartin
11:00 am Memorial: Evelyn Gilmartin, Reception to Follow (S, FH, K)

Sun., Nov 12

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Promise Departs (MR, K, L. Rm 2-3)

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 3)
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Youth Room)
11:00 am Adult Christian Education (S)

Location/Room References:

(CH)-Choir Room (CR)-Conference Room/Office (COR/Rm7)-Community Room
(FH)-Fellowship Hall (MG) Memorial Garden (HSR)-High School Room
(MSR)-Middle School Room (K)-Fellowship Hall Kitchen
(L)-Lounge (MR)-Meeting Room (PO)-Pastor's Office
(Rm#)-Room Number Indicated (S)-Sanctuary
(Z)-On Zoom (See Weekly Update or UPC Calendar for links)



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Organist	Jon Sywassink
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Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Andrea White
Attendance Secretaries	Sharlan Pierce, Jeanette Miller
Custodian	Carrie Miter

Pastor's Office Hours:

Available by appointment Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Contact the church office or the pastor to schedule,

or go to www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule.