



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Nancy Franz

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.



The love of God 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

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

BY JOHN ROSAMOND JOHNSON

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**

The one who calls us together
also yearns for us to be blessed.

‡ **Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.**

Blessed is the One who comes
bringing trustworthy words
for the healing of the world.

‡ **Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.**

Blessed are the Ones who receive God's love
and seek God's peace.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

‡ **Holy God,**

**you see into each of us and know us fully
as creatures in need of your constant care.**

We confess that

**we have neither heard your word
nor followed your will.**

**We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends,
and ourselves.**

Give us ears to hear your wisdom.

**Lead us to honesty and faith
so that we may begin again
with renewed strength.**

**Hear our prayers, O God,
and, once again, renew our spirits**

to follow in the Way you have shown us in Jesus.

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

God knows the hearts
of those who seek forgiveness.

‡ **God strengthens us with freedom
through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

In Jesus' name you are forgiven.
Your sins are no more.
You have been made clean.

***RESPONSE TO GRACE**

"Glory to God"

#585

(v. 2)

1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the
high - est! Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God,
glo-ry in the high-est! To God be glory for-ev-er!

Listening for God's Word

MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

Sue Schnebel

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

"Walk in the Light"

Chancel Choir

ANDRE THOMAS

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

Hark! the herald angels sing. Jesus the Light of the world.
Glory to the new-born King. Jesus the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace. Jesus the Light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord. Jesus the Light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

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PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3.1-10
John 1.43-51

OT pg. 247
NT pg. 92

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.
⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

"Will You Come and Follow Me?"
Part 2 of 4

Responding to God's Word

*RESPONSE

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren pray - ing.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children
pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS²

Sentences of Scripture

1 Cor. 12.4-7, 27

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Honoring Those Who Have Served

Presentation of Elected

Renunciations

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,

do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

‡ **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your teacher and savior,
trusting in God's grace and love embodied in him
and shared through him?

‡ **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his teachings and showing his love?

‡ **I will, with God's help.**

Constitutional Questions

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

‡ **I do.**

Do you accept both the Hebrew and Greek Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

‡ **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

‡ **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

‡ **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

‡ **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

‡ **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

‡ **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

‡ **I will.**

To ruling elders: Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in the government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

‡ **I will.**

To deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

⌘ **I will.**

To trustees: Will you be a faithful trustee, devote your attention to the stewardship of the resources God has given us for our ministry together, provide a safe and hospitable space for people to gather, conduct the business of the Church as authorized by this congregation under the direction of Session and the laws of the State of Arizona, and in your work try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

⌘ **I will.**

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these members standing before us as ruling elders, deacons, and trustees, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

⌘ **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

⌘ **We do.**

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

All ordained ruling and teaching elders in the PC(USA) are invited forward to lay your hands on those being ordained.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Charge to the Newly Installed

Charge to the Congregation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Send prayer requests by texting or leaving a message at (480) 256-8216.

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING¹

*Offerings may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed,
mailed or dropped off to the church office,
or given through our website at www.upctempe.org/giving.*

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OFFERTORY

*“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
African-American Spiritual
ARR. LYNN PETERSEN*

Jon Sywassink,
Organist

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

#606U

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise God for all that love has done. Cre -
a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it, One. A - men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹**

Sent Out in Jesus’ Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

*“We Shall Overcome”
(vv. 1, 4, 5)*

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

*“Reprisal of “Walk in the Light”
ANDRE THOMAS*

Chancel Choir

*The postlude is a time of reflection on how God has been
present to us during worship,
and is present to us in our daily lives.*

*Remember you are the light of the world!
Let your light shine!*

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www.upctempe.org/email

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder in Charge	Sue Schnebel
Ushers	Sue Schnebel & Team
Worship Techs	Jim Niemann, Sada Reed
Trustee on Duty	Cheri Hardy
Deacon of the Month	Cathy Richardson
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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¹Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013), 253ff.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *None given this week.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Mr. & Mrs. I.M. Aistrop III, a memorial perpetuated in Handbells by Margaret A. Krenkel, 1987.*

The World: Prayers for peace around the world, especially in places of war, famine, strife.

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: Helen Alderson, Joanna Fancher

Birthdays this coming week: Martha Walker, Kathleen Davison, Bob Knox

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

Elders: Sue Schnebel, Jim Hershauer, Faye Gardner

Deacons: Sue Coleman, Sara Hershauer, Diane Hillyard, Bianca Osorio

Trustees: Reza Foladi-Nejal, Laura Knorr, Steve White

Presbytery: Betania, Phoenix, their pastor, Rev. Betty Ricardo Gómez.

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):

- **Jan. 14 - "Separation of Church and State" with the Rev. Stephanie Hamilton** - Rev. Hamilton is a minister in the PC(USA), former executive director of Montlure Presbyterian Camp, and currently serving in the Arizona State House of Representatives serving district 10 in Tucson.
- **Jan. 21 - "Presbyterian Women USA Mission Experience to the Borderlands" with Chris Casanova and Doreen Weiland**
- **Jan. 28 - NO CLASS** - Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon!

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. With Advent we begin a new liturgical year – Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary. A list 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.

2023 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE: Electronic PDFs of the report can be downloaded at www.upctempe.org/annualreport. Hard copies will be available on Sunday mornings, Jan. 14 and

21, or by contacting the church office. If you need a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCHEON (Jan. 28, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall): Please join us for food, fellowship, and reflecting on God's presence with us in 2023. Annual Reports will be distributed in the weeks prior to the meeting in electronic and paper format.

INITIATIVE PETITIONS: During the month of January, the congregation will have the opportunity to sign two initiative petitions to place on the ballot in 2024. Kathy Wagner and Marge Cawley will be on the patio collecting signatures Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

- The first is Arizona Abortion Access Act which is an Arizona constitutional amendment to establish a fundamental right to abortion which the state may not deny or interfere with before the point in pregnancy that the fetus can survive.
- The second one is the Make Elections Fair initiative or "Open Primary". This proposes a constitutional amendment which would expand choices in primary elections. It would eliminate party-based restrictions on election participation and applies the same rules to candidates for the same office. Everyone eligible to vote may vote for any candidate.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Get Involved! Ever wondered how many people it takes to make a worship service? The answer is MANY! Many people work together to provide the worship experience and enhance the congregation's comfort and safety. Think about being liturgist, giving a children's talk, presenting a mission you feel passionate about, ushering, welcoming worshippers, lighting candles, serving coffee or learning to work the video and sound during the service. 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/Go5llLjTuw>.

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., Jan 14

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 2)
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
11:00 am Adult Christian Education (S, ZU)

Mon., Jan 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
UPC Full-time Staff Holiday

7:00 pm Board of Deacons (ZU)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Jan 16

6:30 pm CIO Committee (ZP)
7:00 pm Board of Trustees (ZU)

Wed., Jan 17

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (ZU)
12:30 pm Chinle Circle (MR)
3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (ZU)
5:15 pm Wednesday Church Dinner (FH, K)
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Thu., Jan 18

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)
11:30 am Tempe Interfaith Fellowship (Z)

Fri., Jan 19

3:00 pm I-HELP (FH, K) Meal: UPC
7:00 pm Friday Night Book Club (Z)
8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Jan 20

7:00 am I-HELP Departs
9:00 am Committal of Ashes Service for Bob Pierce (MG)
10:00 am Memorial Service & Reception for Bob Pierce (S, K, FH)

Sun., Jan 21

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 2)
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
11:00 am Adult Christian Education (S, ZU)

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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Clerk of Session	Brigitta Kuiper
Director of Music & Christian Education	Ted Gibson
Organist	Jon Sywassink
Administrative Assistant	Lori Saager
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.*