



LEADER

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 27, 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor Eric's Final Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: 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

PROCESSIONAL & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

"Scotland the Brave"
TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH TUNE

Stephen Holter,
Bagpiper

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.

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP³**

Based on Psalm 1

Across time and place,
people of faith have gathered
to give praise to God.

‡ **As we seek to understand who we are,
we give our praise!**

May God teach us to be seekers
in our worship and in our lives.

‡ **As we seek to understand who God is,
we give our praise!**

May God teach us to be curious
about how God will be revealed to us.

‡ **As we grow into who we will be,
we give our praise!**

PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#475

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

‡ **Merciful God,
we are often not very humble.
We discourage others from seeking you.
We do not seek out your wisdom.
We do not love as you love us.
Forgive us, O God,
and teach us reflect your love in our lives.
Help us to celebrate when others seek after you.
Give us the light of your wisdom and ways.
Hear our prayers, O God,
and help us to hear your call on our lives.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

Based on Proverbs 31.30

People of God,
God hears and forgives.

‡ **May we be reconciled to one another
and walk humbly with God.**

ANTHEM

“God of the Ages”
ARR. MACK WILBERG

Chancel Choir

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine

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Amen, Amen

Listening for God's Word

MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

Nancy Martin

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.

Following the children's moment, children through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Sunday School or parents can take advantage of childcare for infants through 5 years old. The head usher will be happy to assist you in the narthex!

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10.46-52

NT pg. 47

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

“The Only Constant in Life is Change”

Responding to God’s Word

***RESPONSE**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

#726

(vv. 1, 5)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING¹

Offerings may be dropped into the offering plate as it is passed, mailed to or dropped off at the church office, or given through our website at www.upctempe.org/donate (scan QR code).

OFFERTORY

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Handbell Choir
& Organ

ARR. DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

***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.

The New Century Hymnal (United Church of Christ), #778, text originally written by Thomas Ken (1672, 1709), adapted by William B. Abernethy (1995), ©1995 The Pilgrim Press.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL CALL²

Prayer

In your world,

‡ **you are present, O God.**

In this congregation,

‡ **you are present, O God.**

In this community,

‡ **you are present, O God.**

In this presbytery and the whole Church,

‡ **you are present, O God.**

In the homes and hearts of your people,

‡ **you are present, O God.**

For the work begun but not completed,

‡ **Lord, have mercy.**

For expectations not met,

‡ **Lord, have mercy.**

For wounds not healed,

‡ **Lord, have mercy.**

For gifts not shared,

‡ **Lord, have mercy.**

For promises not kept,

‡ **Lord, have mercy.**

For friendships made,

for joys celebrated,

and for times of nurture and growth,

‡ **thanks be to you, O God.**

For wounds healed,

expectations met,

gifts given and promises kept,

‡ **thanks be to you, O God.**

For our fellowship in Jesus, our Christ,

and for the love of God which sustains us,

‡ **thanks be to you, O God. Amen.**

The Dissolution

Do you, the members and friends of University Presbyterian Church, release Eric from service as your pastor?

‡ **We do**

Do you, Eric, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

*Eric: I do, with thanks to God
and to this congregation.*

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.**

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

#726

Handbell Choir

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Highland Cathedral"

BY ULRICH ROEVER AND MICHAEL KORB

Steven Holter

Bagpipes

*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

Head Usher	Larry Seubert
Ushers	Larry Seubert & Team
Worship Techs	Bianca Osorio, Chris Trella
Trustee on Duty	Pete Godfrey
Deacon of the Month	Sara Hershauer
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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¹ Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015), 216ff.

² Adapted from *Book of Occasional Services: A Liturgy Resource Supplementing the Book of Common Worship, 1993* (Louisville, KY: Geneva Press, 1999), 244ff.

³ Adapted from *Call to Worship, "October 31, 2024 - Reformation Day"* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2024), <https://calltoworshipjournal.org/october-31-2024-reformation-day/> (accessed Oct. 21, 2024).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *None given this day.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of George Mayer, a memorial perpetuated in Handbells by Ron Godfrey, May 1986.*

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: Cathy Richardson, John Griffin, Bill Ranes; Dennis Gilliland; Betsy Youngs; Carl and Barbara Smith; Bev Phillips; Jim Phillips; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke; Diane Watkins.

Homebound: Elaine Murray, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Rev. Ken Moe, Jan Felton, Carrie Miter, Ashley Murray

*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

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

Trustees: Carol Rickel, Cheri Hardy, Dan Maloney

Presbytery: Gila Crossing, Laveen, their moderator: Rev. Phillip Million

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME (Sundays, 10:00 am - 10:45 am, Rm 2): Welcome all children grades K-5! Join us in developing a Christian foundation through Bible stories, discussions, music, and hands-on activities. Children are encouraged to participate in Communion, so Bible Time meets immediately after the Children's Moment on all Sundays except for the first Sunday of each month (and occasional holidays.)

YOUTH GROUP (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Rm 9): All Youth are invited. Fellowship, games, and snacks will be involved! For more information you may contact Ted Gibson tedgibson@upctempe.org.

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

- **Oct 27** - Farewell Reception for Pastor Eric - No class
- **Nov 3** - *Rhythms of the God Life* - Pastor Brad Munroe will present his work on the New Testament in which he uses paraphrase, poetry, and prayer to interpret Scripture. Brad will demonstrate what this looks like and invite folks to experiment with their own creative attempts to deepen their insights into God's Word.
- **Nov 10** - Xeriscape Information Meeting for the congregation presented by Helen Griffin - No Class

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.

CONGREGATIONAL WORKDAY KICKOFF (Nov 16th, 8:00 am - Noon): The Board of Trustees are again sponsoring the Fall Congregational Work Season with a kickoff Congregational Work Day on Saturday November 16th from 8am - Noon (Snacks and drinks will be provided). After the work day, a sign up genius page containing jobs that still need to be completed will be sent out. The event is a great time for fellowship and to help keep our campus beautiful. If you know of youth who need volunteer hours, the Trustees will be happy to sign their volunteer forms. UPC Trustees

FEMININE HYGIENE KITS (Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1:00-4:00 pm, Meeting Room): We will meet again the first Tuesday of November—Nov 5th—from 1:00-4:00. Emphasis will be on sewing shields. Having a lot of you bring your sewing machine will be helpful. There is some serging but not much. I shall bring just one serger. If we make great time, we also can start packing the kits to ready them

for shipping. I have an email into Ronide of Harmony Ministries with lots of questions. You will be updated with her, Harmony Ministry's, and Haiti's situations.

REFUGEE NEED: Our "Item of the Month" for October is Body Lotion. Just pick up a bottle or two when you do your regular grocery shopping and place it in the bin in the Narthex.

RISE SHINE BREAD: We have delivered 10,294 mini-loaves and 5,720 full-sized loaves of bread to those in need. Thanks to the UPC bakers and please invite your friends to become a baker. The project has about 45 bakers, including 15 who regularly bake. 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, if you have new contact info (phone, email, etc.), include that info as well 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., Oct 27

Family Promise (FH, K, L, Rms 2-3)

Reformation Sunday

9:30 am	Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
10:00 am	Children's Bible Time (Rm 2)
11:00 am	Farewell Reception for Pastor Eric (S, Patio)
5:30 pm	Intergenerational Event (FH)

Mon., Oct 28

Family Promise (FH, K, L, Rms 2-3)

3:00 pm	Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 8-9)
6:30 pm	PW Kayenta Circle (MR)
8:30 pm	AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Oct 29

Family Promise (FH, K, L, Rms 2-3)

3:30 pm	Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 8-9)
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Wed., Oct 30

Family Promise (FH, K, L, Rms 2-3)

9:00 am	Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
1:00 pm	Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 8-9, Lounge)

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., Oct 31

Family Promise (FH, K, L, Rms 2-3)

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)

Fri., Nov 1

Family Promise (FH, K, L, Rms 2-3)

1:00 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 8-9)

3:00 pm I-HELP –Meal: Quakers (FH, K)

8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Nov 2

Family Promise (FH, K, L, Rms 2-3)

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart

7:15 am Baseball Card Show (FH)

Sun., Nov 3

Family Promise (FH, K, L, Rms 2-3)

All Saints Day Observed

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)

10:00 am Children’s Bible Time (Rm 2)

11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)

11:00 am Adult Sunday School (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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*Available by appointment Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
Contact the church office or the pastor to schedule,
or go to www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule.*