



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP February 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: 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

Reverend Ken Moe

- **ONLINE FELLOWSHIP PAD:** Please let us know you are here by scanning the QR code in the worship bulletin or on your screen if you are at home and completing the form. The QR code is also in the top-right corner of your screen. You can also get to the online fellowship pad by going to www.upctempe.org/fellowship.
- **PAPER FELLOWSHIP PAD:** If you prefer to use the fellowship pads in the pews, please tear out the sheet and place it on the pew when you leave for the ushers to pick up.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** If you are on any social media, you are encouraged to check in at UPC this morning. Let others know that you are here in hopes that they might receive that as an invitation to become a part of our faith community and be encouraged in their faith journeys.
- **MUTE PHONES:** After checking in, please make sure your phone is muted so as not to disturb those around you from the presence of God with us.



The light of 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

"We Are Called"
BY DAVID HAAS

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**

Come, friends, let us gather in this place to express our faith in God.

⌘ We see the image of God in one another.

Let us gather in this place to express care for our neighbors.

⌘ We see the image of God in our neighbors, nearby and far away.

Let us gather in this place to express care for the earth.

⌘ We see the image of God in the land we inhabit.

Let us worship God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ And also with you.

***HYMN**

"Called as Partners"

#761

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

⌘ Gracious God, we freely admit that we are imperfect people, that we make mistakes, and that we sometimes show poor judgment, but we don't necessarily recognize that as sinful behavior, just human.

And yet, we confess that it is not at all difficult to see the imperfections, mistakes, and poor judgment of other people as sinful.

Forgive us our tendency to apply more rigor to judging others than ourselves. And help us to recognize the humanity in others as quickly as we see it in ourselves.

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God recognizes the humanity in everyone and sees all people through a prism of grace.

‡ **God hears our confessions clearly, even if they are jumbled in our minds.**

God hears our confessions whether they are spoken or silent. And so,
believe the good news of the gospel that in Christ we are all forgiven. Amen.

ANTHEM

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Chancel Choir

LLOYD LARSON

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work, work with each other, we will work, work side by side;
We will work, work with each other, we will work, work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise the Creator, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
God's spirit makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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.

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

Joel 2:28-29
Acts 18:1-4, 18-19

OT. pg. 848
NT. pg. 138

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

SERMON

"Called as Partners"

Revs. Ken and Shelly Moe

Responding to God's Word

*RESPONSE

"Help Us Accept each Other"
(v. 2)

#754

2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our dai-ly life
 we strug-gle to be hu-man and search for hope and faith.
 Teach us to care for peo-ple, for all, not just for some,
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be-come.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

“Project Connect”

Faye & Larry Gardner

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,
 hallowed 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 debts
 as we forgive our debtors.
 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 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

"Listen, God Is Calling"
KENYAN TRADITIONAL, ARR. ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

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**

"Go to the World!"

#295

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Ken and Shelly

***POSTLUDE**

"Draw the Circle Wide"
ARR. MARK A. MILLER

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

Head Usher	Larry Seubert
Ushers	Larry Seubert, Cheri Hardy, Jeanette Miller
Worship Techs	Chris Trella/Gil Urias, Jim Niemann
Trustee on Duty	Judy Earl
Deacon of the Month	Jim Niemann
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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

A WHITE ROSE is placed on the communion table in memory of Hazel Davidson.

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: Given by Lawn & Patti Griffiths, celebrating their son Eric Griffith's 50th Birthday on Feb.27th

MEMORIAL BOOK: To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Sue Crawshaw, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Family of Sue Crawshaw, June 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: Dennis Gilliland; Betsy Youngs; Barbara Smith; Bev and Norm Phillips and their son Jim Phillips; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke; Diane Watkins, Gary Anderson, Dana Prestly and Jim Knauss

Homebound: Joanna Fancher, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Mikki Gallagher, Joan Grey, Chet Henry, Pete Godfrey, Pat Armstrong, Sharlan Pierce, Bill Shelden

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

Elders: Dan Maloney, Jo Lewis, Jean Witherspoon

Deacons: Katie Casanova, Donna DeLutio, Bonny Henry, Clarissa Knorr

Trustees: Judy Earl, Gene DeLutio, Jan Felton

Presbytery: Orangewood, Phoenix, their pastor: Rev. Dr. Sue Marie Baskette

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):

- **Feb 23** - Mission Fair - No Class
- **Mar 2** - Fat Sunday Brunch & Silent Auction - No Class
- **Mar 9 - 23** - *After Jesus, Before Christianity* by Rev. Ken Moe

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 C 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.

INQUIRERS CLASS (Sunday, February 23, 1:00 p.m.): There will be an inquirers class held for anyone interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church USA and this congregation. The format will be informal and conversational. Attendance in the class does not obligate one to join the congregation, but those who are interested in becoming members will be received in March.

PW ANNUAL BRUNCH & SILENT AUCTION – March 2nd after Worship: The “Fat Sunday” Brunch returns, after two years of hosting our brunch on Palm Sunday. Lent, a solemn time of prayer and reflection, begins March 5th. Let’s come together to rejoice, share fellowship and enjoy good food before our preparation for Easter begins.

Menu: Egg Casserole, Coffee Cake, Bagels, Fruit & Yogurt

Drinks: Coffee, tea and juice

Dairy Free & Gluten Free Options Available

Cost: \$5 per person/ \$15 per family or Goodwill Offering

We will be collecting new, gently used, and handmade items for our Silent Auction through Saturday, March 1st. If you have tickets to a sports event or anything else you cannot use, consider donating them to our auction! You can bring items to the church office or arrange items to be picked up by calling Suzanne Niemann at (480) 221-6115. This fundraiser supports PW's mission projects.

ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE (March 5, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary & Zoom): Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Join us for the imposition of ashes and sharing in communion, remembering our mortality as well as our spiritual connection through God in Christ (gluten free bread will be provided).

RISE AND 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/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, 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., Feb 23

9:30 am	Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
10:00 am	Children's Bible Time
11:00 am	Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
11:00 am	Mission Fair (Patio)

Mon., Feb 24

6:30 pm	Kayenta Circle (MR)
8:30 pm	AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Feb 25

1:00 pm	PW Online Bible Study (Z)
4:00 pm	Violin Lessons (Rm 2)
7:00 pm	Stated Session (S, Z)

Wed., Feb 26

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

Thu., Feb 27

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)

Fri., Feb 28

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

Sat., Mar 1

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart
7:15 am Baseball Card Show (FH)

Sun., Mar 2

Transfiguration Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
10:00 am Children’s Bible Time
10:45 am Fat Sunday Brunch & Silent Auction (FH, K, MR)
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)

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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