



SUNDAY MORNING

WORSHIP

February 8, 2026

5th Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome to University Presbyterian Church!

We welcome all who are seeking: This is a place for inquiry.
We welcome people of every shape and size, color and culture,
age and ability, sexual orientation, and family type.
We are a diverse family of faith. This is a safe place to be.
Together let us worship the God of love!

—Are you here for the first time?

Check out the “Are You New Here?” section.

—Please mute your devices.

—Let us know you are here by using the pads in the pews
or at this link: www.upctempe.org/fellowship.

To ponder as we gather

What songs have special meaning for you? What hymns touch
your heart most deeply? What music refreshes your soul? What
songs make you feel happy?

We Gather for Worship

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

‡Congregation reads in unison

Welcome

Rev. Ken Moe

May the light 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 and Entrance of the Light

Take My Life and Let It Be

Ted Gibson

BY HENRY A. CESAR MALAN ARR. JERRY RAY

Pianist

*The candles on the communion table are symbolic of faith's
light which guides who we are and what we do. The Christ
candle symbolizes the presence of Jesus leading us.*

Call to Worship

Kathy Wagner, Liturgist

This is the day that God has made, the hours and minutes. Let
the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

‡ **Let us rejoice and be glad in the days that God has
given us.**

Let us worship God of all creation.

Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

#611

Prayer Of Confession

‡ **Life is complicated, O God, and we confess that too
often we respond to our circumstances with
thoughtless words or deeds. We struggle with
discerning the way you would want us to live and**

sometimes give up and take the easy path. We try to be faithful, O God, but sometimes it just seems too much. Forgive us, we pray, and encourage us to keep trying to get it right.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance Of Grace

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

***Response** *When in our Music God is Glorified* #641, vs.2

How often making music,
we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia, Alleluia

We Listen for God's Word

Moment with Our Children

Sue Schnebel

Anthem

Rise

Chancel Choir

ARIANNE ABELA

I will rise with all my daughters, I will rise against my foes.
I will rise with all the mothers, I will carry all their woes.
I will rise to fight for freedom, I will rise though faced with fears.

I will rise against all hatred while my eyes are veiled with tears.

I will rise for religious freedom, for a rich diversity,
I will rise for all the weary, for each lonely refugee,
I will work for all our women who deserve equal pay,
I will work for all our children who await a better day.

Sisters, oh, stand with me, rise up hand in hand.
Oh, stand with me. We will rise to spread love across this bitter
land.

I will rise for love and justice that we may see a better day,
I will rise in peace and service for our world in disarray.
I will rise with all my brothers for all those who cannot stand,
I will rise with all our fathers who have lost a home & land.

I will rise to build up bridges for this broken world we see,
I will tear down walls between us that divide you and me.

Brothers, oh, stand with me, rise up hand in hand.
Oh, stand with me. We will rise to spread love across this bitter
land.

Oh, stand with me, rise up hand in hand.
Oh, stand with me. We will rise to spread love across this bitter
land.

I will rise!

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-5	OT page 1
Job 38:7	OT page 484
Luke 15:25	NT page 79
Colossians 3:15-16	NT page 201

Word of wisdom, word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Rallying Our Souls”

Rev. Ken Moe

Be still my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

We Respond with Prayer, Generosity

Time for Prayer

Prayer requests by text of message at (480) 256-8216.

The Call to Prayer

*Please make your way to the microphone by the piano
if you have a brief prayer request.*

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Jesus (adapted)

⌘ **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.**

[SEATED] **Response** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* #833, v. 3

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

Invitation to Community

UPC is an open and affirming community of Christian faith welcoming all of God's children, regardless of who you love, where you come from, how you got here, or what language you speak. If you are seeking a church home, consider making this one it!

Announcements

Invitation to Generosity

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




Offertory

Dove of Peace
ARR. GILBERT MARTIN

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 Dedication**

We Go Out to Follow Jesus

***Hymn of Sending**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand #331

***Charge And Blessing**

Pastor Ken Moe

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus
G. F. Handel (excerpt)

Chancel Choir

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Serving This Morning:

Head Usher

Sue Schnebel

Ushers

Sue Schnebel, Marge Cawley

Worship Techs

Brigitta Kuiper, Chris Trella

Trustee on Duty

Chris Decker

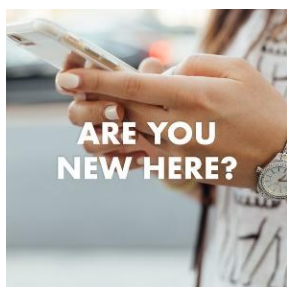
Deacon of the Month

Sue Coleman

Sanctuary Readiness

Larry Seubert

Are You New to UPC?



We are *really* glad that you found us!
We invite you to explore our church
family at your own pace,
and in your own way.

Here is some
useful information:

- Let us know that you are here by **scanning** the QR code to the right or by going to www.upctempe.org/fellowship, and completing the form. Be sure to indicate if there is anything you want us to know.
- OR you may **tear out the pew pad sheet** and leave it on the pew.
- If you are on any **social media**, please check in at UPC to let others know that you are here—and that they would be welcome.
- We have a social time following the service —**UPC Café**— with light refreshments and beverages. We hope you will stay so that we can get to know you better.
- Sign up for our weekly (Thursday) **email update** at www.upctempe.org/email.
- If you see an event or volunteer opportunity that interests you, just come! No special invitation is necessary.



UPC Prayer Page

Why not take this page home with you as a daily prayer journal?

Deacon Honorary Plant: Given by Chuck & Judy Riden in honor of their son's birthday, Chad on Feb 11th.

Memorial Book: To the Glory of God and in remembrance of William C. Powell, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Funds by Wil & Dorothy Bloom, 1987.

The World: Prayers for justice and peace around the world, especially in places of war and disaster.

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

Ongoing Prayers: Dennis Gilliland; Gary Anderson; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; David Dahlmeier, JoAnne's son; Tom Best's friend Sherman and wife Louise; Lou Starkey; Debbie & Sandy, friends of Sharon Tompkins; Ramtin Foladi Nejad and Betsy Youngs, as they recover from surgery; Chuck Riden

Homebound: Bev, Norm, and Jim Phillips; Beckie Burke; Dana Prestly; Barbara Smith.

Birthdays this week: Doyle Burke, Al Gephart, Kendric Knorr

Elders: Dan Maloney, Jo Lewis, Jean Witherspoon

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

Trustees: Judy Earl, Gene DeLutio, Jan Felton

Presbytery: Betania, Phoenix, Pastor: Rev. Betty Ricardo Gómez

Christian Education

Adult Christian Education (ACE) – 11 a.m. – Sanctuary:

Today: Protest Music led by Ken Moe

Sunday School – 10:00 am, Rm 2

This year we offer two classes, K-3 and 4-6, to better meet the students' needs.

REMINDER: There is no Sunday School on Communion Sundays and special holidays.
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Youth Group – 11:00 am, Rm 9

Lectio Divina Bible Study

(Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., on Zoom)

We read, reflect on, and study the scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday in the Revised Common Lectionary. A list is available for download at www.upctempe.org/rcl.

<h3>Rise and Shine' Bread Ministry</h3>

<p>We have delivered 25,794 mini-loaves of bread to those in need. Thanks to the 45 bakers, including 20 regulars. Invite your friends to bake: Contact Andrea White at</p>
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<p>info@riseshinebread.org</p>

<p>or (480) 580-3021. Questions?</p>

<p>Here is a video link: https://youtu.be/Go5llLjTuw.</p>

Announcing...

*If you have an announcement for our weekly emails
and/or bulletin, submit it to upc@upctempe.org
by Wednesday of each week.*

The Deacon of the Month is Sue Coleman. She will be at the front of the sanctuary after worship for private prayer or conversation about other needs.

Our next **Sort Day** is Tuesday, February 10, from 9-10 a.m.
Come join us as we assemble kits for the unhoused and our immigrant neighbors... and have a great time together!

Deacons Plant - The Deacons invite you to select a Sunday to honor or remember a special person or event by ordering a plant to be present in celebration. You may keep or donate the plant, which is purchased by the deacon of the month. Cost is \$16. See table after service to place your order.

Family Promise sent us a note “Thank you so much for spending time with the families. We appreciate everything you do. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.”

Mission Month - Saturday, February 14th at 10:00 am, Sanctuary:
*Book Discussion of “God’s Hotel” led by Reverend Kimberly Murman

ASH Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 pm, led by Rev. Shelly Moe. Please join us!

This Week at UPC

*Zoom meeting links may be found www.upctempe.org/events..
and in our weekly email—
subscribe at www.upctempe.org/email*

Sun., Feb 8

- 9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
- 10:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 2)
- 10:30 am UPC Cafe fellowship time on the patio
- 11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
- 11:00 am Adult Sunday School (S)

Mon., Feb 9

- 8:00 pm Stewardship Meeting (Z)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Feb 10

- 9:00 am Sort Day (FH)
- 1:00 pm PW Coast2Coast (Z)
- 4:00 pm Aris Foundation: Food and Resources Fiesta (FH)
- 4:00 pm Violin Lessons (Rm 2)
- 7:00 pm Phoenician Choral Group (S)
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee (Z)
- 7:00 pm Worship Committee (Z)

Wed., Feb 11

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

Thu., Feb 12

- 8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)
- 12:30 pm PNC Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm MSJP Committee (Z)

Fri., Feb 13

- 3:00 pm I-HELP Arrives
- 8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Feb 14

- 7:00 am I-HELP Departs
- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (MR)
- 10:00 am Book Discussion (S) "God's Hotel"
- 12:00 pm Fat Sunday Set Up (K, FH)

Sun., Feb 15

- 9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
- 10:00 am Children’s Bible Time (Rm 2)
- 10:30 am UPC Cafe fellowship time on the patio
- 11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
- 11:00 am Adult Sunday School (S)
- 11:30 am Fat Sunday Brunch & Auction (K, FH)

Location/Room References:

(CH)-Choir Room (CR)-Conference Room/Office
(CR/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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