



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

February 22, 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

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](http://www.upctempe.org/fellowship).

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### To ponder as we gather

In what ways do you keep your eyes upon God to know your truth more fully? What grounds your life of faith to receive life more abundantly?

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## We Gather for Worship

\*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

‡ Congregation reads in unison

### Welcome

Shelly 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

Handbells

*"Compassion"*

MOKLEBUST WITH GUEST VIOLINIST GRACE TONG

*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

Shelly Moe, Liturgist

The peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

Leader: Jesus said, Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you.

‡ **Not as the world gives, do I give you.**

Leader: Let not your hearts be troubled nor let them be afraid.

‡ **We gather today in assurance of His peace.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord together, in spirit and  
truth.

‡ **Amen**

### Opening Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

#366

### Prayer Of Confession

‡ **Gracious God, we set out to follow the plan you have set out for us. You promise us blessing and purpose, but we trust not your words. Often, we cling to what we already know. We would rather trust in what we can see and touch. We are not always honest about our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be more aware as we are born again through your spirit.**

*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**     *Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine!*

#839

(Vs.1)

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his spirit washed in his blood.  
This is my story; this is my song,  
praising my savior all the day long.  
This is my story; this I my song,  
praising my savior all the day long.

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## **We Listen for God's Word**

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**Anthem**

*The Beginning of Love*

Chancel Choir

GREG GILPIN

Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love. Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love. Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love. Let us

always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love.

A beautiful gift, love begins at home. Love is not measured; love only gives a gift our hearts can own. Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love. Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love. Love is a fruit in season at all times, within the reach of every hand. There are no great things, only small things with great love. Give all you can! Be faithful in small things. If you cannot feed one hundred, feed just one. Be faithful in small things. Each of us are lines that form a chain of love. Let's form a chain of love!

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**Moment with Our Children**

Sue Schnebel

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Scripture Readings**

Jeremiah 29:11

OT page 731

John 1:5

NT page 91

John 14:27

NT page 109

Word of wisdom, word of grace.

**⌘ Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Rev. Kimberly Murman

“Navigating the Assumptive World”

(vs. 3)

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious truths that you impart.  
And wing my words that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

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## We Respond with Prayer, Generosity

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### 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.**

## 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](http://www.upctempe.org/donate). Or scan QR code:



**Offertory**      *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*      Jon Sywassink,  
BY PAUL MANZ      Organist

**\*Doxology**      *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* #606U



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures  
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**

*We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight*      #817

**\*Charge And Blessing**

Reverend Kimberly Murman

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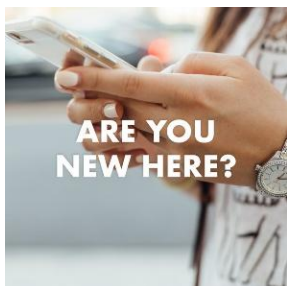
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**Serving This Morning:**

Head Usher	Larry Seubert
Ushers	Larry Seubert, Jeanette Miller
Worship Techs	Geoff Beams, Bianca Osorio
Trustee on Duty	Chris Decker
Deacon of the Month	Sue Coleman
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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## 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](http://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](http://www.upctempe.org/email).
- If you see an event or volunteer opportunity that interests you, just come! No special invitation is necessary.



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## UPC Prayer Page

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

**Deacon Honorary Plant:** Given by Cathy & Mike Richardson honoring loved ones.

**Memorial Book:** To the Glory of God and in remembrance of William C. Powell, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Funds by Doug & Carol Zimmerman & Family, 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:** Mike Gallagher, Joan Grey, Chet Henry, Pete Godfrey, Pat Armstrong, Sharlan Pierce

**Elders:** Sue Schnebel, Jim Hershauer, Faye Gardner

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

**Trustees:** Steve White, Laura Knorr, Reza Foladi-Nejad

**Presbytery:** Central (Inter-Tribal), Phoenix, Pastor: Rev. Martha Sadongei

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## Christian Education

**Adult Christian Education (ACE)** – 11 a.m. – **Sanctuary:** Pastor Kimberly where we will continue our exploration into ways for collective and individual healing and strengthening.

**Children's 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/rc1](http://www.upctempe.org/rc1).

<p><b>Rise and Shine' Bread Ministry</b></p>
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<p>We have delivered <b>25,794</b> 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><a href="mailto:info@riseshinebread.org">info@riseshinebread.org</a></p>
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<p>or (480) 580-3021. Questions?</p>
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<p>Here is a video link: <a href="https://youtu.be/Go5llLjTuw">https://youtu.be/Go5llLjTuw</a>.</p>
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## Announcing...

*If you have an announcement for our weekly emails  
and/or bulletin, submit it to [upc@upctempe.org](mailto: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 24, 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!

### Save the March Dates

**March 11** -- 5 p.m.: Our second Dinner with Len in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy great food and open discussion.

**March 21** - 8 a.m.: Our next Trustee-sponsored campus workday.

**The Question Box is Open** - Every year during Advent and Lent, Pastor Len invites you to submit questions about anything on your mind - church, theology, world events, etc. He plans to respond on April 12th during the sermon time. There are some leftover questions from Advent that are already included. Questions may be submitted by email ([pastor-len@upctempe.org](mailto:pastor-len@upctempe.org)), left in the offering plate, or by text.

## This Week at UPC

*Zoom meeting links may be found [www.upctempe.org/events](http://www.upctempe.org/events)..  
and in our weekly email—  
subscribe at [www.upctempe.org/email](http://www.upctempe.org/email)*

### **Sun., Feb 22**

- 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 23**

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

### **Tue., Feb 24**

- 9:00 am Sort Day (FH)
- 10:00 am RCOT Meeting (CR) [RESPITE COALITION OF TEMPE]
- 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 Stated Session (CR, Z)

### **Wed., Feb 25**

- 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 26**

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

### **Fri., Feb 27**

- 3:00 pm I-HELP Arrives
- 4:00 pm Calvary Fellowship Church (MR)
- 8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

### **Sat., Feb 28**

- 7:00 am I-HELP Departs

**Sun., Mar 1**

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

**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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 Growing in Love and Service*

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