

# University Presbyterian Church

Welcome! May you find strength, joy, and a new challenge here. If you would like more information about membership or the program, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to the pastor as you leave worship today or visit our website, [www.upcbr.org](http://www.upcbr.org).

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH November 22, 2020



### Sunday (11/22) 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Betsy Irvine preaching*

- 9:30 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. "Poe's Predicament - and Ours..." Small Group - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 11:45 a.m. Post Service Fellowship - Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Zoom

### Monday (11/23) - CONTACT ARTICLES DUE FOR DEC/JAN EDITION

#### Tuesday (11/24)

- 1:30 p.m. "Visio Divina" Small Group - Zoom

#### Wednesday (11/25)

- 9:30 a.m. "Into the Light" Small Group - 1545 Patrick Dr.

#### Thursday (11/26) & Friday (11/27)

Day School and Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

#### Sunday (11/29) First Sunday in Advent

*Patti Snyder preaching, Communion,*

- 9:30 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. "The Music of Advent" Small Group - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 11:45 a.m. Post Service Fellowship - Zoom

## **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2020** (as of 11/18/2020)

**Received Pledged giving: \$426,623**

Received Unpledged giving \$20,706

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$447,328**

*Currently we have received only 85% of the total pledged for 2020.*

*If you are behind on your pledge, please consider bringing it up to date before the end of the year. If you want to check your giving status, log into [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org) or contact the church office. Thank you!*

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*For meetings, classes, and events, Zoom links may be found on our website (www.upcbr.org), on Realm (onrealm.org), or by contacting a group leader.*

## **POST SERVICE FELLOWSHIP**

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a post worship Zoom gathering on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. until further notice. All are invited to attend and you do not have to have a Zoom account to participate. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82495540943?pwd=RkhvS2FrbVFOMWJmdHZFemx2UEtJZz09>

**Meeting ID: 824 9554 0943      Passcode: 099717**

## **CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES**

### **Poe's Predicament - and Ours: Allaying Anxiety in a Culture of Fear**

Jerry Kennedy, leader

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

November 1 - 22

*This four week course compares attitudes about death across the centuries with modern anxiety in a secular "culture of fear," we will look at a few tales and poems by Poe that anticipate our Job-like dilemma: living with divine silence and proliferating dangers in a fearful world. (These sessions will be recorded and will be uploaded to our Facebook feed) <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/7920703735>*

### **The Music of Advent**

David Walters, leader

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom every Sunday in Advent

*During Sunday School in Advent, we will be exploring several larger musical works that tell the Christmas story - Missa puer natus est by Thomas Tallis, The Messiah by George Frideric Handel, The Christmas Oratorio by Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns, and Die Weihnachtsgeschichte by Hugo Distler. This will not only be a musical tour through the ages, but also an exploration of how these different composers addressed the coming birth of Jesus specifically. Join us for some lively discussion and some truly excellent music! <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/95282554072>*

## **TAIZÉ**

Due to current COVID 19 restrictions in France, Taizé is no longer posting their prayer service videos. We will resume sharing on our FB page as soon as they resume.

## **BIRTHDAYS** *This Week (November 22-28)*

22 Lilly Bridwell-Bowles and Jalynn Terry, 23 Candace Wright, 25 Margot Pilley, 27 Michelle Zerba

## **HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Christmas is coming, and in spite of covid-19 we will be doing our annual Hope for the Holidays mission to provide Christmas gifts for children in the community. Much of it will be done online. We're developing a website where you can go to select a child to buy gifts for. Watch your email and the UPC Facebook page for more details.

## **NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!**

The LSU Food Pantry offers prepackaged bags of food for students to pick up. To do so, the LSU Food Pantry needs your help. We'll collect non-perishable food items at the church every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. until further notice. There is a bin inside the door closest to the church office where you can leave your donations. Especially needed are protein items (beans, tuna, chicken, and meat sauce), vegetables, and cereals. Please no sweets and no pet food!

## **POT & PANS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

If you shop at Albertson's, please collect the current Master Chef stickers awarded for your purchases. Bizza Britton is collecting the stickers to trade in for as many pots & pans as possible, between now and January 26. International students have limited resources to set up housekeeping. They can borrow items from loaner closet for small fee, and when they leave, turn items back in for small refund. It really helps them get settled while at LSU. Let's help! There will be small container marked MASTER CHEF STICKERS in mailbox closet/ or mail to 1222 Kimbro Dr 70808 or call/text Bizza for pick-up:225.456.4568.

## **PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, a PCUSA agency (for whom we have traditionally coordinated Christmas gifts) will be holding a zoom call to share information on the services they provide at 10:00 a.m. December 1.

*Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86965074690?pwd=UjVrVlFYQXp-WMDdPbFljOEhqZVFZd:09> Meeting ID: 869 6507 4690 Passcode: PCHAS*

## **ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2021**

This year, in addition to the paper pledge card you should receive shortly, you are able to make your pledge online using Realm! Just log into your Realm account at onrealm.org. Once you are in your profile, go to GIVING, then +PLEDGE, and a new pledge window will appear. Choose the GENERAL FUND for 2021; fill in how often you would like to pledge from dates 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021 and how much you would like to pledge. Realm will calculate the yearly total for you. When you are done, click SAVE PLEDGE. It's that easy!

# Prayer Requests

To add a name, remove a name, or update information on our prayer list, please contact the church office by noon on Wednesday at [cdurham@upcbr.org](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).

**Lois Liggett • Gary Meise • Ruth Bivins • Dean Kerr • Tabitha Lewis**

**John Earle • Bettye Burford • Gerard Klein • Melanie Driscoll • Kim Kirby**

- **The family of Susan Armstrong**, who died unexpectedly, but peacefully, on her boat at Kemah, TX on All Hallows Eve. Susan is the former wife of George Armstrong, the mother of their sons, Christopher and Andrew, and the grandmother of their grandsons, Austin and Collin
- **Stuart Dameron's mother**, facing a knee replacement surgery on Dec. 7
- **Karen Paterson's sister, Clare and her husband, Bob**, who both have COVID
- **Jim Hanifen's mother, father, and sister** in Missouri who have COVID
- **Cynthia**, Connor's and Jalynn Terry's Aunt, with Covid and other complications
- **Barbara Bahs**, with heart issues and facing a hip replacement
- **Nan Patt**, recovering from breast cancer surgery on October 30
- **Langston Kelly**, three-year-old UPC Day School student, diagnosed with Leukemia and undergoing treatment at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis
- **Pam Fisher**, beginning chemotherapy
- **Mary Stevens' father** awaiting the outcome of a biopsy
- **Annette and Don Greenland**, long-time friends of Lori Tucker. Annette is in memory care
- **Mary Timmons**, at home
- **Wes Mainord**, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- **Johnny Bourliea**, friend of Griff Campbell, recovering from surgery for a brain tumor
- **Misha Gottesman**, two-year-old nephew of Peggy Carroll, diagnosed with leukemia
- **RJ LeBlanc**, father of Kathie Pohlman's 'Bonus Daughter,' Nikki, with lung cancer
- **Kaley Hall**, ten year old niece of John Grubb, undergoing chemotherapy for a pineoblastoma at St. Jude's
- **Anne Dardis**, friend of Pat Strain, recovering from back surgery
- **Donna Crumpler**, mother of Tavia Crumpler, undergoing treatment for colon cancer
- **Anne Bender**, friend of Pat Ho, undergoing cancer treatment
- **Margaret Lewis**, friend of Pat Ho, in hospice care
- **Ginger Zipperer**, friend of Darla O'Connor, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Gina Tharp**, friend of Ann Miller, undergoing treatment for Stage IV colorectal cancer
- **Terry Calendar**, friend of Wes Mainord, seriously ill following a stroke and with advanced cancer
- Ben Stoker's **Uncle Jody**, with advanced stage cancer
- **Mike and Chip**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, facing difficult cancer treatments
- **Betty Crawford**, friend of Robbie Phillabaum, recovering from a stroke
- **Ralph Simone**, friend of Darla O'Connor, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **Alan Williams**, brother of Virginia Davis, with Parkinson's
- **Edna Faust and her son Gregory**, friends of Kay Lindsey
- **All families affected by Huntington's Disease**
- **All hospice patients and their families**
- **All those who suffer with mental illness and emotional disorders**
- **Men and women serving in the armed forces**
- **Those who are going through separation or divorce**
- **Those who are affected by domestic violence**
- **Those who are affected by alcoholism and addiction**
- **Our Cuba church partners, Pastor Josué Montejo, and others in Cuba facing widespread shortages.**