

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Week of November 19, 2023

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.

Sunday (11/19) 25th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 3:30 p.m. Youth Group - 6238 Riverbend Lakes Dr.

Monday (11/20) - Contact Articles Due (*Dec. AND Jan. Edition*)

Tuesday (11/21)

- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

Thursday (11/23) Thanksgiving Day

Day School & Church Office Closed (*through 11/24*)

Saturday (11/25)

- 11:00 a.m. LSU vs Texas A&M @ LSU (*PARKING*)

Sunday (11/26) Christ the King/Reign of Christ

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
No Youth Group

NOTE: Mamie will be out of the office from Nov. 20-26. Betsy Irvine will be on call for pastoral emergencies 225-603-1439.



The flowers this morning are given
to the glory of God
by Necia Lanus
in loving memory of
Henry H. Lanus



NAME: (optional) _____

What is an image of hope you bring to mind when you need it?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learn more about us by reading our monthly church newsletter, the Contact.

Copies are available in the back of the church and Welcome Center,

or you can find Contact on our web site, www.upcbr.org.

Check us out on Facebook, too! (<https://www.facebook.com/universitypresbyterian>)

SUNDAY NURSERY

Check your calendar! On December 17th can you be a nursery helper? If not then, what about in January? Sign up on the table at the back of the sanctuary or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444ABAA2DA5FF2-sunday1>

BIRTHDAYS (November 19-25)

19 Gaines Foster and Victoria Robertson; 21 John Grubb;

22 Lilly Bridwell-Bowles, Sofia Savicki-Kelly, and Jalynn Terry;

23 Candace Wright; 25 Margot Pilley

SEATS AT THE THANKSGIVING TABLE

Looking to fill a seat at your table, or hoping there's a seat ready for you this Thanksgiving? It is our Nurture Committee tradition to offer the congregation options for sharing a meal with each other. If you would like to invite someone to your table, or if you'd like to share a seat at someone's table, please text or call Vic Robertson at (225)229-6455 by November 21.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

During the four Sundays in Advent, starting December 3, we will be lighting the Advent candles at the start of worship. We are interested in having a diverse array of members participate in this part of Sunday worship. If you are interested, please contact Leslie Green (leslie_green@yahoo.com) of the Worship Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Cynthia and Edward Peterson are proud grandparents to Samuel Miller Sanford born to their daughter, Betsy, and her husband, John, in Aberdeen, Scotland on November 12. Congratulations to them all!

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

Feel free to continue to remember folks who shaped and formed your faith by putting their names in clouds and placing them on the sanctuary walls throughout the month. Clouds and markers are available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

PLEDGES -- Join in UPC's Story!

This year ten households have made a financial pledge for the first time!

Thank you!

Maybe you can make it 11...?

You can fill out a pledge card and put it in the offering plate or send it to church. You can go online through Realm, or you can contact Caralyn to let her know what amount you would like to commit. Help us increase the percent of households promising to give to UPC next year. Remember, there is no "right" amount to give; it is all appreciated!



Mark your calendars for a morning of crafting in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We'll supply some ideas and materials for crafts attendees can make or you are invited to bring a project you already have underway... you can even bring your Christmas cards to work on. Lunch will be served at noon and we will have babysitting available! Middle Schoolers through adults are welcome to join the crafting fun.

Small Groups

Faith and Community

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. (*ongoing*)

All are welcome to join us as we explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community. We look forward to sharing ideas and conversation. This group currently meets in the Parks Wilson Room. This group will not meet on November 22.

Soul Feast

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Parks Wilson Room

Readings from various writers in spirituality.

Visio Divina

This group uses a process of lexio divina (a form of meditation listening to a specific biblical text) to fuel reflection and quick art project in response to the text and professional paintings/art based on them. No artistic skill is needed to join. This group meets via zoom from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. each Thursday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88426746848?pwd=YjdZeDc1WGJSNHhzcmNMRWFMLy9LUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 2674 6848 Passcode: 960537



Online giving is available...

- via the GIVE tab on our website (www.upcbr.org)
- by texting "upcbr (space) and then the number of dollars" to 73256
- by scanning the QR code

Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies.

Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023 (*as of 11/15/2023*)

Received Pledged giving: \$459,195 (*82% of \$563,075 pledged*)

Received Unpledged giving \$50,266

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$509,462

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Your support of UPC and its missions is greatly appreciated.

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.

**Lois Liggett • Gary Meise • Ruth Bivins • Gerard Klein
John Earle • Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Melanie Driscoll
Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman • Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon
Lynn Nichols Dull • Fay Coco • Cody Lucero**

- **Ed and Linda Green**, after Linda's recent move to Sunrise Senior Living
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, diagnosed with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **Victoria and Jimmy Robertson and their family**, after the death of their nephew Chris
- **Barbara Sims**, recovering from hip replacement surgery on November 15
- **Victor O'Connor**, father of Darla, after a recent trip to the hospital
- **Donna Crumpler**, mother of Tavia, beginning radiation treatment for breast cancer
- **Joanne**, sister of Peggy Carroll, with cellulitis in her leg
- **Paul James**, friend of John Earle, with lung cancer
- **Tiffin White**, UPC Day School teacher, diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor
- **John Graff**, friend of Collier Roberts, with terminal bone and prostate cancer
- **Pat Strain**, recovering from wrist surgery
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, recovering from surgery for esophageal cancer
- **David Klimash**, brother of Victor, recovering from open heart surgery
- **James and Gloria Snowden**, Ethel Felder's parents, after recent hospitalizations
- **Cheryl Whitting**, on dialysis awaiting a kidney transplant
- **RJ LeBlanc**, father of Kathie Pohlman's 'Bonus Daughter,' Nikki, with lung cancer
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **Craig Fisher**, Anita Melon's brother in law, diagnosed with Lewy-Body dementia
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw
- **Jo and her family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, experiencing difficult times
- **Rev. Adelaida Jiménez and the efforts toward peace in Colombia**
- **All those affected by war - Ukraine, Middle East, and beyond**
- **All those affected by gun violence**
- **All families affected by Huntington's Disease**
- **All hospice patients and their families**
- **All those who suffer with mental illness and emotional disorders**
- **Those who are affected by alcoholism and addiction**
- **Men and women serving in the armed forces**
- **Those who are going through separation or divorce**
- **Those who are affected by domestic violence**

In the Welcome Center Niche...

Check out the new display in the Welcome Center! On display are bird paintings from artist Krista Roche and Joyce Moreland's bird sculptures created by Wolfe Studio in Mississippi. Detailed descriptions may be found on the wall near the display.