

# 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).

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Week of February 11, 2024

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

#### **Sunday (2/11) Transfiguration**

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)  
No Youth Group

#### **Monday (2/12) Lundi Gras Holiday**

##### **Day School & Church Office Closed**

7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room

#### **Tuesday (2/13) Mardi Gras Holiday**

##### **Day School & Church Office Closed**

8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom

10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room

7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

#### **Wednesday (2/14) Ash Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room

10:00 a.m. Lenten Devotional Small Group - 1545 Patrick Dr.

5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom

6:00 p.m. Taizé (*imposition of ashes*) - Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Thursday (2/15)**

11:00 a.m. Soul Feast - Parks Wilson Room

1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom

7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Saturday (2/17)**

10:00 a.m. Transitions Small Group - Conference Room

#### **Sunday (2/18) 1st Sunday in Lent**

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)

12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room

2:00 p.m. Youth Group Service Day at Bluebonnet Swamp (*meet there*)

# **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](http://www.upcbr.org).*

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



## **Lenten Weekly Opportunities:**

Please look in the Contact for further information about all the upcoming opportunities to set aside time for God during Lent.

Mondays: Lenten Devotional

Wednesdays: Lenten Devotional and Taizé

Thursdays: Lent in a Box (for children and youth and their families)

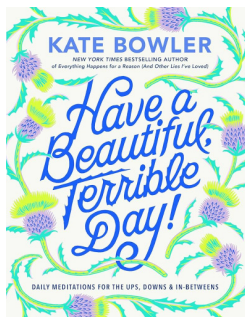
Any Day: Text Prayers

## **Text Prayers**

It can be hard to set aside a time to pray. What if you had a group of 3 or 4 people who would meet you on your phone once a week for just twenty minutes to share a joy and concern with you and who would listen to yours and hold it too? If that sounds compelling to you, join us for text prayers during Lent. It's a simple way to hear from others and to share your joys and concerns so we all remember we're in this together. Let Mamie know if you are interested ([mbroadhurst@upcbr.org](mailto:mbroadhurst@upcbr.org)) by February 14th.

## **Lenten Devotional**

This year we invite you to get Kate Bowler's book "Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!" to read as a Lenten practice. There is a section in it for Lent that you can read each day or as often as you are able. You can also sign up for daily emails to your inbox.



If you'd like to get together with others to reflect there will be gatherings on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings during the season (see the Contact for more details). If those days will not work, but you would still like to gather to talk with others, let Meredith Veldman or Mamie know. We will have a few copies of the book if that would be helpful for you to be able to participate.

## **BIRTHDAYS** *This Week (February 11-17)*

11 Pat Ho; 12 Larry Moss

## **SUNDAY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or with the link below to serve as a “second” in the nursery!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444ABAA2DA5FF2-sunday1>

## **DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Registration for the Summer 2024 and Fall/Spring 2024-25 is open now to present students, siblings of present students, and UPC members on a first come, first served basis. Registration forms are available in the Day School or by calling 344-8077.

## **INQUIRER’S CLASS**

Have you been visiting lately and have some questions about UPC? Are you wondering how to join this fabulous community and get more involved than you already are? Do you wonder what Presbyterians believe and how we organize ourselves? Would you just like to meet some new people and see their names on name tags so they’re harder to forget?

All these things can be yours if you are able to join our Inquirer’s Class this spring. We are still working out the specific dates, but we hope to gather on Sunday mornings for about four weeks in March to talk about Presbyterianism, UPC, our own stories, and whatever else comes up. Please let Mamie know if you are interested in learning more.

## **FLOWER DONATIONS 2024**

The following Sundays are available to reserve celebratory or memorial flowers. Please fill out a flower donation envelope found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Payments may also be made online in Realm (*please note date in the memo line*).

March 3, 10, 17

April 7, 14, 28

May 5, 12, 19, 26

June 16, 23, 30

July 14, 21

August 4, 11

September 1, 8, 29

October 6, 13

November 3, 10, 17

EXPERIENCE the stillness... the music... the prayer  
for a whole new season

**Taizé**  
**Sung Prayers**

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. February 14 - March 20

Make Taizé a part of your Lenten preparation.

Presbyterian Women's  
One Day Mini Retreat

# Laughter & Conversation

**Saturday, February 24th**  
**9am - 2pm**  
**University Presbyterian Church**

**Light breakfast and lunch are provided.**

**Childcare is available upon request.**

**Females 12 and over invited.**

*Activities:*

*Learning to Crochet with Emily and Audrey Cogburn*

*Chair Yoga with Victoria Robertson*

*Telling Your Own Story with Jan Risher*

*Flower Arranging with Peggy Carroll*

*Hug A Bear stuffing (bears for children in stressful situations) with Susan Seifert*  
*Tying Fleece blankets for Sanctuary use and for the UPC little food box with Pat Wright*

*Adult Coloring Books with Jill Kerr*

*Puzzles*

*Quiet Time in Sanctuary (individual option)*



**Questions? Please contact Julie Launey or Peggy Carroll**

# **Small Groups**

## **Transitions**

The Transitions Small Group meets on Saturday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to any or all of these presentations. If you have questions, please contact Lori Tucker ([LJ Tucker70@gmail.com](mailto:LJTucker70@gmail.com)) or Beth Paskoff ([BPaskoff@lsu.edu](mailto:BPaskoff@lsu.edu))

Feb 17 Real Estate During Times of Transition (*Leslie Green*)

Mar 2 Preplanning Funerals (*Mamie*)

## **Faith and Community**

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

We explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community, and look forward to sharing ideas and conversation. Everyone is welcome. This group currently meets in the Parks Wilson Room.

## **Soul Feast**

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Parks Wilson Room

Readings from various writers in spirituality.

## **Visio Divina**

Thursdays 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (*ongoing*)

Using the process of *lexio divina* (a form of meditation listening to a specific biblical text) to fuel reflection and to create a quick art project in response. No artistic skill is needed to join.

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

Meeting ID: 884 2674 6848 Passcode: 960537



Would you like to be a part of our Sunday streaming ministry?

Are you interested in computers, video, or sound mixing?

Or are you just curious how the magic happens?

If so join us on Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m. till noon in the Fellowship Hall for an introduction on how UPC live streams its service every Sunday morning. Our fantastic team of experts would love for you to join them. Questions? Contact Tom Shelton at [tcshelton1950@gmail.com](mailto:tcshelton1950@gmail.com)

# 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 • Gerard Klein**  
**Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Melanie Driscoll**  
**Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman • Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon**  
**Lynn Nichols Dull • Fay Coco • Cody Lucero**

- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw, following a stroke
- **Jeremy Walters**, son of a friend of Susan Seifert's, hospitalized with stroke and pneumonia
- **James Simmons**, Cody Lucero's father, after the death of his wife Anita
- **Julio Pina**, nephew of Jan Risher and Julio Nadin, with multiple brain tumors
- **Family and friends of Carlos Chavez**, friend of Darla and Tavia, who died January 28
- **Michael Babin**, recently diagnosed with cancer, son of Edith Babin and former student of Faimon Roberts
- **Nick Cosford**, brother-in-law of Jill Scherrer, recovering from heart surgery
- **Clara Larson**, sister of Karen Paterson, recovering from a broken kneecap
- **Pat Strain**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Lorinda Sealey's sister in Panama** who is undergoing diagnostic testing
- **Jim Wilcox**, recovering from an appendectomy
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, diagnosed with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **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
- **Jo and her family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, experiencing difficult times
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, undergoing treatment for cancer
- **Mark McCulloch**, relative of Brannon Costello, recovering from serious burns
- **John Pohlman**, brother of Kathie, with pneumonia
- **Ellen Kuyper**, sister of Lois Kuyper-Rushing, recovering from a fall
- **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**



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- via the GIVE tab on our website ([www.upcbr.org](http://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.*