

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 October 27, 2024

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 (10/27) 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pledge Dedication, Micah Short Baptism

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 1:00 p.m. NAJAMA Food - Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 4:30 p.m. Halloween Event - UPC Parking Lot (*set up starts at 4:00*)

Monday (10/28)

- 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom

Tuesday (10/29)

- 5:30 p.m. Westdale/Woodlawn Middle Orchestra Recital - Sanctuary

Wednesday (10/30)

- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday (10/31)

- 11:00 a.m. Soul Feast - Parks Wilson Room
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday (11/1)

- 7:30 p.m. Christopher Cunningham Recital - University Methodist
- 8:00 p.m. Christopher Cunningham Reception - UPC Welcome Center

Saturday (11/2)

- 9:00 a.m. Requiem Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday (11/3) All Saints' Sunday

Communion, Requiem, Necrology

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- Noon Diaconate Meeting - Conference Room
- Noon Church Clean Up Day - UPC
- Noon Youth Group @ Church Clean Up Day (*lunch*)

SUNDAY NURSERY OPPORTUNITY

We've almost filled up the spots for the rest of the year. Please push us over the top! You can 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>

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>)

UPC BOOK GROUP

The UPC Book Group will meet, November 5, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., at 1725 Eugene. The group will discuss a Halloween classic The House of the Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

BIRTHDAYS (October 27- November 2)

27 Becca Bartlett, Michael O'Donnell, and Vinny Talley; 31 Cecil Eubanks; 2 Necia Lanius and Ian Lewis

DEDICATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 27

Please join us as we pledge our time, talents, and financial support for 2025!

(Additional pledge cards are available in the sanctuary and Welcome Center)

How to Pledge in Realm

Log into your Realm account at onrealm.org. *If you don't have a realm account, please contact the church office.* Once you are in your profile go to **GIVING** then **+PLEDGE** and a new pledge window will appear. Choose the **GENERAL FUND** for 2025, fill in how often you would like to pledge, from dates **1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025**, and how much you would like to pledge. Realm will calculate the yearly total for you. When you are done make sure you click **SAVE PLEDGE**. It's that easy!

Giving Reminder

If you give electronically and you change your pledge amount, remember to change your banking information at the beginning of the year. Realm doesn't automatically adjust the amount for you and the church office doesn't have access to your banking information.

WE'RE GROWING!

The Day School is adding another infant room in January and you can help fill it. Please visit their Amazon wish list:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2EROLVYTKPEMV>

PSL GUEST SPEAKER

On Monday (10/28) at 10:00 a.m. the Presbytery will host Rev. Robert Gamble, a Presbyterian helping Ukrainian mothers and children through the program "This Child Here." With him, comes Olya, the manager of their programs who will speak about the character of these displaced families: how and why they hope. All are welcome to this conversation held at the PSL offices - 12909 Old Hammond Hwy.

Small Groups

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.

FAITH FORMATION FALL 2024 *Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*

For Adults:

Bible Study

This group uses the "Living the Word" curriculum which follows the Narrative Lectionary used in worship. Themes for this fall include: "Promises Made, Promises Broken", "God Sightings", and "The Hope of the Messiah". Several participants of the class share the weekly facilitating. Everyone is encouraged to weigh in on the class discussion. Meet in the Conference Room.

Bless This Mess

This adult discussion class is aimed at parents of babies through college-age kids, but of course is open to anyone. We'll be using podcasts and book chapters to spark discussion of what it means for Christians to parent in 2024. This class meets in the "Room of Requirement" (opposite Mamie's office).

Digging Deeper

October 27: Niles Haymer, Deputy Director of Baton Rouge's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), will bring us a closer look at the new Pretrial Services Unit and how it will benefit those entangled in the justice system while also better ensuring public safety. He will discuss the existing bond monitoring processes and how they can lead to unfair and inequitable circumstances, and he will bring us examples of other initiatives from around the country that have helped to create a more fair and equitable system. This class is sponsored by the Mission and Peacemaking Committee.

November 3: Gaines Foster continues his series on "The History of Religion in American Public Life"



The flowers this morning are
presented to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Katie Nelson and Phine Britton,
who share an October 24th birthday,
by Bizza and Ed Britton



DAY SCHOOL ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The book fair is open this morning in the Fellowship Hall between church school and worship and following worship. You can buy a book for a child you know or for a Day School classroom! If you can't make it in person, you are invited to go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/fairs/fair-finder.html> and search for University Presbyterian Church Day School. Your support of the Day School means a lot and we thank you!

DECK THE UPC HALLS

Advent begins at the end of November and it will be here before we know it. This year we would like to decorate again with the white amaryllis bulbs that support Huntington Disease Research. We will combine the bulbs with white blooming poinsettias. Please designate whether you would like an amaryllis or poinsettia for your gift. The cost of either is \$22.00. Donation cards will be in the bulletin starting Sunday, November 3. The deadline to order will be November 15.

LSU GAME DAY PARKING

Only three more home games to go!

November 9th LSU/Alabama

November 23rd LSU/Vanderbilt

November 30th LSU/Oklahoma

Parking starts about 4 hours before kickoff. Youth should work at least 3 home games per season to qualify for the scholarship funds it raises for youth trips. It's a fun and easy way to raise money, so come join in the fun! Contact our parking organizers Peggy Carroll (225-485-8485) or Griff Campbell (225-571-4054) for information or to add your name to the list of helpers.



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 2024 (as of 10/23/2024)

Received Pledged giving: \$453,412 (79% of \$573,558 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$20,544

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$473,956

Thank you for your generous contributions!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

4:30-6:00 PM

UPC PARKING LOT

FUN • GAMES • COSTUMES ENCOURAGED



CHURCH WORK DAY

NOVEMBER 3 • FOLLOWING 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP • ALL AGES WELCOME

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
Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Cheryl Whitting • Kathy Rossman
Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon • Fay Coco • Melanie Driscoll
Our Cuba Partners • Lynn Nichols Dull**

- **Vanessa Harris**, sister-in-law of Jonathan Hubchen, undergoing chemotherapy for liver cancer
- **Doug Toothman**, brother-in-law of Jerry and Sarah Kennedy, with liver cancer
- **Lee Wirth**, brother of Karen Paterson, as he continues treatment for lymphoma
- **Victoria Robertson and family**, upon the death of her brother, Mark Brami
- **Cecil Eubanks and family**, upon the death of his son, Christopher, on October 8
- **Suzanne E.**, friend of Kathie Pohlman, recovering from a stroke at BR Rehab
- **Frances McGraw** (95), grandmother of Matthew McGraw, in the hospital with gallstones and possible onset of dementia
- **Brian Babin**, recovering at home from back surgery
- **Wes Mainord**, recovering from hip replacement surgery at home
- **Lillian McGruder**, aunt of Leslie Green, in hospice, and Leslie's cousin, Tad, her caretaker
- **Patti Aldrich**, neighbor of Patti Snyder, diagnosed with cancer
- **Gabrielle Clune**, friend of Barbara and Paul Hoffman
- **Kathy Barry and her daughters**, as Kathy is cared for by hospice
- **Betty Nelson**, aunt of Bizza Britton, with congestive heart failure and a move at age 96
- **Faye Beroth**, Bizza Britton's aunt with Alzheimer's, and her son, Tom, her sole caretaker
- **Josh Rosenberg and Angelle Bradford** as Josh undergoes radiation and chemotherapy
- **Bill Benton**, uncle of Mamie Broadhurst, in hospice
- **Kathy Kennedy**, Jerry's sister, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Julio Piña**, nephew of Jan Risher and Julio Naudin, with multiple brain tumors
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **Craig Fisher**, Anita Melon's brother in law, with Lewy-Body dementia
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, undergoing treatment for cancer
- **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**
- **The United States as we prepare for the upcoming election**
- **All those recovering from hurricanes Helene and Milton**