

# 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 2, 2025

*Meetings times/locations are subject to change after printing. Please check with your group leader for confirmation and information on how to log into Zoom meetings.*

### Sunday (2/2) 4th Sunday of Epiphany

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary *(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)*
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Group @ LSU Women's Basketball Game

### Monday (2/3)

- 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. LSU Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

### Tuesday (2/4)

- 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Book Group - 1725 Eugene

### Wednesday (2/5)

- 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday (2/6)

- 11:00 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Zoom & Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina Small Group - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

### Sunday (2/9) 5th Sunday of Epiphany

- 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive - Bloodmobile
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary *(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)*
- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group

### **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2025** *(as of 1/30/2025)*

Received Pledged Giving: **\$77,051** *(13% of \$577,742 pledged)*

Received Unpledged Giving \$1,843

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$78,894

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

# **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>)*

## **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 9 immediately following worship for the purposes of presenting the budget, voting on changes in terms of call for Mamie Broadhurst, and constituting the 2025 Congregational Nominating Committee.

## **SUNDAY NURSERY OPPORTUNITY**

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or with the link below to serve as a "second" in the nursery! <https://bit.ly/3WEHW1J>

## **SUNDAY GIVING**

If you give a cash donation and wish to receive credit for it toward your pledge or for your taxes at the end of the year, please make sure it is in an envelope with your name on it so we may properly record the contribution. Thank you.

## **A CALL FOR SINGERS!**

If you are interested in joining the choir, we welcome folks all year. Please see Ross Cawthon (or email him at [rcawthon@upcbr.org](mailto:rcawthon@upcbr.org) if you are interested!

## **FLOWER DONATIONS 2025**

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*).

February 2, 9, 16, 23

March 2, 9, 23

April 6

May 4, 11, 18

June 15, 22, 29

July 6, 27

August 10, 17

September 7, 14, 21, 28

October 12, 19

November 2, 9, 23



The graphic features a red background with a white grid pattern on the left. A large red blood drop is centered, with a white ECG line passing through it. Below the drop is the text "Give the gift of life!". On the right, the text "UPC Blood Drive" is written in a white, elegant font, followed by "Sunday, February 9" and "9-12:00 in the Bloodmobile". At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text "Schedule your appointment today at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or contact Beth Paskoff! For more information or to schedule a donation call 877-258-4825 or visit us at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) Find us @ [social media icons] IDs are required to donate."

## **BIRTHDAYS** (February 2-8)

2 Paul Paskoff; 3 Wade Midkiff and Ian Strain; 5 Dinah Keyes;

6 April Whitting; 7 Barbara Gray, Robbie Phillabaum, and Shannon Stafford

## **FAITH FORMATION FALL/WINTER 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. 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 is open to anyone. We'll be using podcasts and book chapters to spark discussion of what it means for Christians to parent in 2025. This class meets in the "Room of Requirement" (opposite Mamie's office).

#### **Digging Deeper**

February 2: Meredith Veldman's final class on "Religion and Resistance"

February 9: Mamie Broadhurst and Richard Williams on the Ten Commandments lawsuit

February 16: David Gambrell

Feb. 23 Brad Storin begins 7-class series on "Jesus and the Gospels"

## **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.

### **Visio Divina**

Visio Divina will start back up in Advent. Contact Melanie Driscoll if you would like to participate. No artistic talent necessary! See the December/January issue of CONTACT for more information.



### **Online giving is available...**

- 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.*

# 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 • Cheryl Whitting • Kathy Rossman  
Fay Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Our Cuba Partners • Lynn Nichols Dull**

- **Family and friends of Patti Jarreau**
- **Mamie Broadhurst and her family**, upon the death of her uncle, Bill Benton
- **Gus Britton**, who is now serving in Lithuania. Prayers for peace in the area.
- **John Johnson**, Mary Steven's father, in hospice care
- **All those affected by the wildfires in California**
- **Sara**, long time friend of Robbie Phillabaum
- **René Vanhaelen**, uncle of Christine Kooi, recovering from heart surgery
- **Holly Palughi**, family friend of Darlene Rowland, with recurrent breast cancer
- **Becky**, friend of Patti Snyder, facing surgery for a malignant tumor in her eye
- **Jennifer Crancer**, family friend of Virginia Davis, undergoing breast cancer treatment
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, having difficulties with cancer treatment
- **George Gullett**, friend of the Hoffmans, undergoing cancer treatment
- **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
- **Suzanne E.**, friend of Kathie Pohlman, at home recovering from a stroke
- **Frances McGraw** (95), grandmother of Matthew McGraw
- **Lillian Magruder**, aunt of Leslie Green, in hospice, and Leslie's cousin, Tad, her caretaker
- **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
- **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
- **The United States of America** as we transition to a new administration
- **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 MEMORIAM

Patti Stirrat Jarreau who died on January 24, 2025