

# 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 April 6, 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 (4/6) 5th Sunday in Lent Communion**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group - *Youth Sunday Practice*

### **Monday (4/7)**

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom

### **Tuesday (4/8)**

- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

### **Wednesday (4/9)**

- 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community - Parks Wilson Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday (4/10)**

- 11:00 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Zoom & Parks Wilson Room
- 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Bella Voce Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

### **Friday (4/11)**

- 7:30 p.m. Bella Voce Recital - Sanctuary

### **Saturday (4/12)**

- 10:00 a.m. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby - Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday (4/13) Palm Sunday Communion, Confirmation, Baptism**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)

*Important Reminder: For cash donations to count toward your pledge or taxes, use an envelope with your name on it. Checks should be payable to University Presbyterian Church (not UPC). Thank you for your support!*

### **BIRTHDAYS** (April 6-12)

6 Kate Midkiff; 7 Jill Kerr and Bailey Stoker; 9 Daniel Burch and Stephanie Launey Short; 12 Braden Stoker

# **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>)*

## **PLASTIC EGGS and EGG STUFFERS NEEDED**

If you have plastic eggs around your house that you would like to donate to the Easter Egg Hunt at church on Easter Sunday, we would be glad to have them. Please don't buy new eggs; we're glad to use the old ones! Also, if you would like to fill eggs for the kids to find, please let Meredith Veldman or Caralyn know. Eggs may be dropped off in the Church Office.

## **ARE YOU READY FOR SOME LSU BASEBALL?**

Get ready for a grand slam of a time! Join us for Baseball at the Box on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. as LSU takes on Southeastern. The Fellowship Committee will be selling tickets for just \$5.00 (adults and kids over 3) on April 6 and 13 in the Welcome Center. Little sluggers under 3 get in free—no ticket needed. Batter up!

## **VASES NEEDED**

The Flower Committee is currently in need of medium-sized vases. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the Parks Wilson kitchen. Note: Small vases are not needed at this time. Thank you for your support!



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

# **Taizé**

**Sung Prayers**

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. March 5 - April 16

Make Taizé a part of your Lenten preparation.

## **FLOWER DONATIONS 2025**

The following Sundays are available to reserve celebratory or memorial flowers. 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*).

May 4, 18, 25

June 15, 22, 29

July 27

August 10

September 7, 14, 21, 28

October 12, 19

November 9, 23



The flowers this morning are  
presented to the glory of God  
by Diana Reynolds  
in honor of her mother,  
Sandra Prusoff



# **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**

April 6: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 4: Gospel of Matthew and Luke continued

April 13: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 5: Gospel of John

April 20: No class; come to Easter Brunch in the Fellowship Hall!

April 27: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 6: The Proto-Gospel of James and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas (non-canonical)

May 4: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 7: The Historical Jesus

## **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2025** *(as of 4/2/2025)*

**Received Pledged Giving: \$169,950** *(29% of \$586,337 pledged)*

Received Unpledged Giving \$5,425

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$175,375**

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

## **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.



### **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 • Cody Lucero  
Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Cheryl Whitting • Kathy Rossman  
Fay Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Our Cuba Partners • Lynn Nichols Dull**

- **Brandon Moree**, son of Caralyn Durham, having an angiogram/stent procedure on April 10
- **Family of Millie Townsend**, friend of Debbie Abernathy and Rick Pitcher, upon her death
- **Family of Heather McVoy**, friend of Patti Snyder, after her death on March 24
- **Jerry Kennedy**, as he recovers from knee replacement surgery
- **Janel Worsley Feierabend**, former member of UPC, recovering at home
- **Jerry Landry**, uncle of Kate Midkiff, recovering from open heart surgery and her Aunt Joann and cousin Jared, as well, as they support him in his recovery
- **Pope Francis** - as he is hospitalized battling bilateral pneumonia
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, recovering from a splenectomy
- **Sue Kenyon**, recovering from a stroke
- **Gus Britton**, who is now serving in Lithuania. Prayers for peace in the area.
- **John Johnson**, Mary Steven's father, in hospice care
- **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
- **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
- **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
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, undergoing treatment for cancer
- **The United States of America** during this uncertain time of change
- **Those who are suddenly unemployed or experiencing significant job insecurity**
- **All those affected by the wildfires in California**
- **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**