

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 26, 2025

Meeting 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 (10/26) 20th Sunday after Pentecost *Dedication Sunday*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 1:00 p.m. Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. NAJMA Food - Fellowship Hall
- No Youth Group

Monday (10/27)

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 7:00 p.m. Les Sirenes Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Tuesday (10/28)

- 11:45 a.m. TBR Lunch - UPC Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

Wednesday (10/29)

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

Thursday (10/30)

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

Sunday (11/2) 21st Sunday after Pentecost *Daylight Savings Time Ends*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Inquirers Class - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 4:00 p.m. Erin Tolar Installation Service & Reception - Sanctuary/FS Hall
- Youth Group @ Erin's Installation Service



The flowers this morning are presented
to the glory of God
by Bizza and Ed Britton
in loving memory of their mothers,
Katie Nelson and Phine Britton



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>)

TODAY IS DEDICATION SUNDAY!

Please join us as we pledge our time, talents, and financial support for 2026!

(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 2026, fill in how often you would like to pledge 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! Please remember to adjust your giving amount if you give automatically through your financial institution. If you have any problems, contact Caralyn in the church office.

BIRTHDAYS *(October 26 - November 1)*

26 Elliot Purser; 27 Becca Bartlett and Michael O'Donnell; 31 Cecil Eubanks

Scholastic Book Fair - Final Day!

Today is the final day of the Day School Scholastic Book Fair in Fellowship Hall! Come shop before and after the 11:00 worship service for a wonderful selection of books perfect for Christmas gifts, birthday presents, and more. Whether you're looking for children's favorites, inspiring reads, or something special for every age, you'll find it here. Don't miss this last chance to support the Day School while discovering great books for your family and friends!

TBR Luncheon at UPC

Please join us on Tuesday, October 28th for the Together Baton Rouge lunchtime meeting at UPC! We will review current TBR projects, status of the Voting Rights decision before the Supreme Court and TBR future plans. Lunch is available, \$15 suggested donation. Doors will open at 11:45 and the meeting will be 12-1:30. If you plan to attend, please let Mary Mikell know for an approximate seating count. COME!!

All Saints' Sunday Special Music

On November 2, UPC will be observing All Saints' Day, a commemoration of the departed, in a special worship service at 11:00 a.m. The music for this service will include familiar hymns and tunes artistically elevated for All Saints' Day. Please join us in worship as we remember those who have left us recently or long ago.

Bathroom Supplies

In each bathroom downstairs there are maxipads as well as incontinence underwear or pads available if you find you are in need of them. They are either in a cabinet or a basket in all five restrooms. If you notice replacements are necessary, please let Mamie or Erin know.



The Presbytery of South Louisiana
joyfully invites you
to the installation service of

Rev. Erin Tolar
as Associate Pastor
at University Presbyterian Church

The service will be held at UPC on
Sunday, November 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

A reception will follow

UPC Book Club

The UPC Book Club will meet Tuesday, November 4, 7:00, 1725 S. Eugene. The discussion book is by Fredrick Backman, My Friends. The December book is Horse, by Geraldine Brooks, based on true story of the greatest racehorse in US history. All are welcome.



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 2025 (as of 10/23/2025)

Received Pledged Giving: \$461,952 (79% of \$586,655 pledged)

Received Unpledged Giving: \$17,265

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$479,217

Thank you for your generous contributions!

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!

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 • Ruth Bivins • Cody Lucero • Gerard Klein

Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Kathy Rossman

Cheryl Whitting • Edith Veldman • Faye Coco • Melanie Driscoll

Lynn Nichols Dull • Dawn Dominy • Pat Phelps

- **Amy Heller**, mother of the Hoffman's granddaughters, under treatment for a recurrence of cancer
- **The family and friends of Gary Meise**, upon his death on October 21
- **Kathleen Osborne**, mother of DS employee, Deidre Jones
- **Cameron Bagihan**, one of our DS students, diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes
- **David Hall**, recovering from back surgery
- **Cindy Tyler**, after heart surgery
- **Lindsey Hammond**, daughter of Susan Seifert, with bronchitis
- **Kathleen Rinear**, friend of Ross Cawthon, who just lost her husband, John Jewell, to cancer after a long illness
- **Cody Lucero**, upon the death of his sister, Patricia Moskiwis
- **Nan Patt**, as she recovers from hip replacement surgery
- **Leroy Gongora**, father of Maeghan, as he recovers from surgery
- **David Strain**, George's brother, in memory care support
- **Michael Williams**, Jonathan Hubchen's brother in law, continuing physical therapy
- **Albertha Hubchen**, as she grieves the loss of her sister-in-law, Sandra Williams, and continues care for her brother Michael
- **Members of our sister church in Cuba, San Jose de los Ramos**, who are suffering from Dengue Fever and Chikungunya
- **David Pohlman**, dealing with liver disease
- **Peter Wren McGuyer**, nephew of Shannon Couhig & Joanie Cangelosi, deployed
- **Josh Rosenberg and Angelle Bradford** as Josh undergoes radiation and chemotherapy
- **Carl Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, recovering from sarcopenia
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Gretchen Goodrich**, mother-in-law of Kathie Pohlman
- **Ron Veldman**, Meredith's brother, with pancreatic cancer
- **Will**, neighbor to the Walkers, undergoing chemotherapy for bladder cancer
- **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
- **Faye Beroth**, Bizza Britton's aunt with Alzheimer's, and her son, Tom, her sole caretaker
- **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
- **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**

FAITH FORMATION FALL 2025!

For Children and Youth:

- Babies - Kinder in the nursery
- 1st-7th - Act Up! - 2nd floor in Room 204
- 8th-12th - Follow Me - 2nd floor in Room 206

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: “God Provides Blessings”, “Encountering the Messiah”, and “God’s Kingdom Revealed”. 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 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 will meet on the 2nd floor in Room 208.

Digging Deeper

This class explores various topics using a lecture and discussion format. This class meets in the Parks Wilson Room near the Sanctuary.

- “Religion, Race—and Reparations?”

Gaines Foster’s class continues Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9.

Beginning with the origins of American slavery in the 1600s and continuing until today, this class provides an overview of the history of how Christians and their churches (with some emphases on the role of Presbyterian churches) supported and sometimes challenged America’s racial system. It ends with a discussion of the Presbyterian Church USA’s discussion of the possibility that the nation’s racial past merits reparations for African Americans.

- Brian Hightower from the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank will be here on November 16 to discuss the local food bank operations, challenges and opportunities.

Little Food Pantry

The little food pantry is in need of non-perishable dry goods. Please drop off your contribution in the pantry located outside the church office.

Chrismon Crafters

Chrismon Crafters invite anyone interested in finishing our stitched/sewn Chrismons to join a creative sewing session after church on Nov 16 in the conference room. Bring lunch (or order delivery), a sewing machine (if you have one), good scissors, and your creativity. All skill levels welcome—help create a lasting gift for UPC! Can’t attend? Contact Suzanne Trahan at the new email address, suzannektrahan@gmail.com, to contribute another way.

**FALL POTLUCK PICNIC
AND
4TH ANNUAL KICKBALL
GRUDGE MATCH**

**WHO WILL
WIN?**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
1:00 P.M.**

**BREC PERKINS RD-KENILWORTH PARK
PAVILION I
(7122 PERKINS RD, BR. LA 70808)**