

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 November 9, 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 (11/9) 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Michael and Milly O'Donnell Baptism, Welcome New Members

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Inquirers Class & Called Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 1:00 p.m. Church Picnic & Kickball - BREC Park Perkins/Kenilworth

Monday (11/10)

- 11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library
- 5:30 p.m. College group - Library
- 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Les Sirenes Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Tuesday (11/11)

- 4:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

Wednesday (11/12)

- 9:00 am. Faith and Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. UPC Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday (11/13)

- 11:00 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Library
- 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday (11/14)

- 6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturday (11/15)

- 11:45 a.m. (*kickoff*) LSU vs. Arkansas @ LSU (*PARKING*)

Sunday (11/16) 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- Noon Chrismon Crafters - Conference Room
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance - Parks Wilson Room
- 3:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Recital - Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group

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>)

OFFICE NOTE:

Caralyn and Mamie will be out of the office Monday (11/10) - Friday (11/14). Erin will be out of the office Friday (11/14) - Thursday (11/20). Betsy Irvine will be on call for pastoral emergencies on Friday. Volunteers will be in the office to answer the phones.

BIRTHDAYS (November 9-15)

9 Cynthia Peterson and Leah Raetzsch; 10 Eugene Berg; 11 Pat Phelps and Gus Rowland; 12 Jerry Trahan

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 her new email address, suzannektrahan@gmail.com, to contribute another way.

Thanksgiving: A Place at the Table

On behalf of Nurture Committee, if you would like to offer a member a place at your table for Thanksgiving, please contact Vic Robertson, 225-229-6455. If you would like to be invited to a Thanksgiving meal please contact Vic before 11/21.

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.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for the 89 pledges we have received as of November 5. This includes 6 new pledges and 50 increased pledges. The total pledged so far is \$542,572.20. We are aiming for \$620,000. The budget for 2026 can only be composed with the pledges we have already received, so if you have not yet made your pledge please do so soon. The budget committee is already at work, but each pledge makes that work easier! You may contact Caralyn in the church office (225-383-0345 OR cdurham@upcbr.org), or complete the pledge form in the pews, or access your account through REALM.

<https://onrealm.org/UniversityPresb15909/Account/Start>

Deck the UPC Halls

Advent begins November 30, and it will be here before we know it. This year we will decorate with both white poinsettias and the amaryllis bulbs that support Huntington Disease Research. Please designate whether you would like an amaryllis or poinsettia for your gift. The cost of either is \$22.00. Donation cards are in the bulletin, or email Caralyn with your order. Payments may be made by check or in REALM (Sanctuary Flowers). The deadline to order will be November 16.



GET READY FOR LSU GAME DAY PARKING AT UPC!

Parking cars is a fun and rewarding way to show UPC's hospitality to fans from near and far. The more volunteers, the better! Join us for this exciting opportunity to serve. **Contact John Ward at 225-505-4418 to learn more or sign up.** Game times may vary due to TV schedules, but volunteers typically arrive 4–5 hours before kickoff and finish about an hour before the game starts. Our next home game is Saturday, November 15 at 11:45 AM.



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 11/5/2025)

Received Pledged Giving: \$483,488 (82% of \$586,655 pledged)

Received Unpledged Giving: \$18,004

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$501,492

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 • David Strain
Members of our sister church in Cuba, San Jose de los Ramos**

- **Family and Friends of Julio Pina**, including Jan Risher and Julio Naudin, upon his death
- **Mickey Brown**, at Baton Rouge Rehab Hospital
- **Jeri Shread and family**, friends of Susan Seifert, on the sudden loss of her son, Andy
- **Lorainne Farnan**, aunt of Carolyn Durham, recovering from a right frontal craniotomy and facing chemotherapy and radiation
- **Amy Heller**, mother of the Hoffman's granddaughters, with a recurrence of cancer
- **Kathleen Osborne**, mother of DS employee, Deidre Jones
- **Cameron Bagihan**, one of our DS students, diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes
- **Kathleen Rinear**, friend of Ross Cawthon, who just lost her husband, John Jewell, to cancer after a long illness
- **Michael Williams**, Jonathan Hubchen's brother in law, continuing physical therapy
- **Albertha Hubchen**, as she continues care for her brother Michael
- **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
- **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**
- **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**

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.



The flowers this morning are presented
to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Christopher Kennedy
by Jerry and Sarah Kennedy





What are you grateful for?

**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)**