

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 16, 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 (11/16) 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

Monday (11/17) - CONTACT ARTICLES DUE (Dec/Jan Edition)

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

Tuesday (11/18)

- 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

Wednesday (11/19)

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

Thursday (11/20)

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

Friday (11/21)

- 11:00 a.m. Day School Thanksgiving Feast - Fellowship Hall

Saturday (11/22)

- TBA (*kickoff*) LSU vs. Western Kentucky @ LSU (*PARKING*)

Sunday (11/23) 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

OFFICE NOTE:

Erin will be out of the office Friday (11/14) - Thursday (11/20).

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>)

Chrismon Crafters

Chrismon Crafters invite anyone interested in finishing our stitched/sewn Chrismons to join a creative sewing session after church **today** in the Conference Room. 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.

CONTACT Deadline

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, articles and items for the December/January edition of Contact are due on Monday, November 17.

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 is November 16.

Birthdays *(November 16-22)*

16 Nicholas Knapp; 17 Jack Perry; 19 Gaines Foster and Victoria Robertson; 21 John Grubb, Emerson Juneau; and Charles Sabin; 22 Sofia Savicki-Kelly and Jalynn Terry

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.

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!

There is still time to make a financial pledge to the 2026 budget. We need all who are able to contribute to be able to have a balanced budget for the next year - \$75,000 more would close the gap. You can put a completed giving form in the offering plate or access your account in REALM to make a pledge electronically. <https://onrealm.org/UniversityPresb15909/Account/Start> 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.

Hope for the Holidays

UPC is excited to once again be participating in the Hope for the Holidays program, run by Presbyterian Children’s Home and Services (PCHAS), to provide holiday gifts for children in our community. We will be distributing names later this month, so keep an eye out for our table in the Welcome Center before and after services.



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 LAST home game is Saturday, November 22 (kickoff TBD).



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.*



What are you grateful for?

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 Caralyn Durham, 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
- **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
- **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.

- 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.

UPCOMING FOR ADVENT:

This Advent, we’re launching a special four-week devotional series for adults using the book Taste and See: Experiencing the Stories of Advent and Christmas by Jan Johnson. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate, there will be two options to choose from: Sunday mornings at 9:30am or Tuesday mornings at 10am at the church. If you’re able to order your own, books can be ordered online. Erin also has a stack in her office - please don’t let book availability or tight funds stop you from joining a group!

Families with children are encouraged to use Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas: 100 Ways to Make the Season Sacred by Traci Smith to find advent-inspired activities you can do together as a family. It can be ordered online, or Erin has several in her office for anyone who needs one.



The flowers this morning are presented
to the glory of God
by Ann & Terry Miller
in loving memory of
Margaret & Archie Dickson





Mark Your Calendar

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Prayer Service

WEDNESDAYS
6:00 PM
 December 3, 10, 17

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, December 14 • Following Worship
 Fellowship Hall

The Fellowship Committee will provide roast turkey and several sides.

Sunday, December 21

Nativity Play

Join us in worship as we tell the story of Christ's birth.

December 24 - 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

A family-friendly service that centers on the story and music of the season. Communion is celebrated.