

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 January 4, 2026

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

Sunday (1/4) Epiphany Sunday - Communion, Epiphany Stars

No Church School

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

4:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday (1/6)

8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom

10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room

4:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Committee - Zoom

7:00 p.m. Book Group - 1725 S. Eugene

Wednesday (1/7)

9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday (1/8)

11:00 a.m. Soul Feast - Parks Wilson Room

6:30 p.m. Day School Committee

7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday (1/11) Baptism of the Lord

9:30 a.m. Church School

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

12:30 p.m. Faith & Sexuality Workshop (Parents)

2:30 p.m. Faith & Sexuality Workshop (4th - 7th Graders & Parents)

6:00 p.m. Faith & Sexuality Workshop (8th - 12th Graders)

Faith and Sexuality workshops are next week, so be ready to give a warm welcome to our facilitator, Shannon Guse. Our youth and families will be learning about healthy relationships, consent, sexuality, and how God calls us to care for ourselves and one another. Erin would love to talk in more depth about what we're doing and why, so please reach out if you have questions - whether you have youth involved or not!

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>)

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 in 2026!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444ABAA2DA5FF2-sunday1>

BIRTHDAYS (January 4 - 10)

6 Kathleen Richey; 7 Betty Shelton; 8 Paul Nguyen; 9 Emilia Hartmann;
10 Suzanne Trahan

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like monthly offering envelopes for your 2026 pledge, please let Caralyn know (cdurham@upcbr.org) and she will make some for you.

Little Food Pantry

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

Book Club

The UPC Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 6, 7:00, 1750 S. Eugene. The discussion book is Horse by Geraldine Brooks. The February book is Matrix by Lauren Geoff. 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.

FLOWER DONATIONS 2026

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*).

January 18, 25

February 8, 15, 22

March 1, 8, 15, 22

April 12, 26

May 3, 10, 24, 31

June 14, 21, 28

July 5, 12, 26

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

September 6, 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15, 22

Congregational Meeting



Sunday, January 25 • following worship

For the purpose of receiving the 2026 budget, vote on a change in terms of call for the pastors,
and to elect a Congregational Nominating Committee

MATTHEW BLACK

The Everything Is Terrible and No One Is Okay Tour

Dec 5, 2025	Pittsburgh, PA
Dec 6, 2025	East Aurora, NY
Dec 8, 2025	Lewiston, NY
Dec 10, 2025	Olean, NY
Jan 9, 2026	Greensboro, NC
Jan 17, 2026	Maryville, TN
Jan 18, 2026	Knoxville, TN
Jan 25, 2026	New Orleans, LA
Jan 28, 2026	Baton Rouge, LA
Feb 7, 2026	Louisville, KY

The fellowship committee is excited to be hosting
Matthew Black in concert on January 28th at 6 p.m.

Come join us and bring a friend!

Donations will be accepted that evening.

matthewblackmusic.com/shows

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 • Lynn Nichols Dull
Cheryl Whitting • Edith Veldman • Faye Coco • Melanie Driscoll
Dawn Dominy • Pat Phelps • David Strain
Members of our sister church in Cuba, San Jose de los Ramos**

- **Carl Motsenbocker**, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
- **John Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, undergoing PT for pain in knees and hip
- **Rhonda Fisher**, sister of Anita Melon, finishing with chemo and radiation for GI cancer
- **Gary & Judy Crow**, as he goes through further workup and treatment for cardiac issues
- **Sherri Wilson**, friend of Darla O'Connor and Tavia Crumpler, with brain cancer
- **Mickey Brown**, recovering at home
- **Lorainne Farnan**, aunt of Caralyn Durham, undergoing chemotherapy and radiation
- **Amy Heller**, mother of the Hoffman's granddaughters, with a recurrence of cancer
- **David Pohlman**, dealing with liver disease
- **Josh Rosenberg and Angelle Bradford** as Josh undergoes radiation and chemotherapy
- **Carl Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, slowly 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
- **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**
- **Those who are serving in the armed forces**
- **Those who are going through separation or divorce**
- **Those who are affected by domestic violence**