

# 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 February 15, 2026

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

#### **Sunday (2/15) Transfiguration**

9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room  
No Youth Group

#### **Monday (2/16) and Tuesday (2/17)**

**Day School and Church Office closed for Mardi Gras Holiday**

#### **Tuesday (2/17)**

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

#### **Wednesday (2/18)**

9:00 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.  
6:00 p.m. Taizé (*Imposition of ashes*) - Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Thursday (2/19)**

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

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

#### **Sunday (2/22) 1st Sunday in Lent**

9:00 a.m. Blood Drive - Bloodmobile  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room  
4:30 p.m. Youth Group

#### **Sunday Nursery Sign Up**

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or with the link below to serve as a "second" in the nursery this spring!

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

#### **Birthdays (February 15-21)**

17 Owen Smith; 19 Glenda Crummett; 20 Armin Meier and Graham Nichols;  
21 Robin Patty

# **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 the *Contact* on our web site, [www.upcbr.org](http://www.upcbr.org).

Check us out on Facebook, too! (<https://www.facebook.com/universitypresbyterian>)

## **Lent Small Group Book Study**

The book Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects by Jill Duffield features short daily readings (usually 3-5 pages) with weekly themes centered around objects we encounter in everyday life. This study starts February 23 and there is still time to join! The group will meet Monday evenings in the Parks Wilson Room. Contact Erin for more information.

## **Text Prayers for Lent**

Finding time to pray is hard. Join a small group of 3-4 people for a 20-minute weekly text prayer session during Lent (Feb 18–April 4). It's a simple way to share joys and concerns and stay connected. Interested? Contact Mamie quickly at [mbroadhurst@upcbr.org](mailto:mbroadhurst@upcbr.org) to join.

## **JOIN THE UPC CHOIR FOR A SPECIAL LENTEN SEASON!**

Are you interested in singing with a choir but hesitant about a long-term commitment? We have the perfect opportunity for you! This is a wonderful chance to be part of a meaningful musical experience that culminates in the joyous celebration of Easter. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just looking to try something new, we welcome you to join us!

If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out to Ross Cawthon. You can find him after services or email him at [rcawthon@upcbr.org](mailto:rcawthon@upcbr.org). Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to share your voice and be part of something special this Lenten season!

## **SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS 2026**

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

February 22	March 1, 15, 22	April 12, 26
May 3, 10, 24, 31	June 14, 21, 28	July 26
August 9, 16, 23, 30	September 6, 13, 20, 27	October 11, 18, 25

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

**Taizé**  
Sung Prayers

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. February 18 - March 25

Make Taizé a part of your Lenten preparation.

# FAITH FORMATION 2026

## 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 2026. 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.

- February 15: Christine will return to teach her anticipated make-up class
- Lenten Discussion Group Beginning February 22 and running through Palm Sunday, Lori will facilitate a weekly discussion group. This series will offer a time of reflection and fellowship as we discuss the previous week's scripture readings and sermon.



### 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.*

## **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2026** (as of 2/10/2026)

**Received Pledged Giving: \$109,903 (18% of \$620,512 pledged)**

Received Unpledged Giving: \$1,807

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$111,710**

*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](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).*

**Lois Liggett • Ruth Bivins • Cody Lucero • Gerard Klein  
Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Kathy Rossman • Lynn Nichols Dull  
Cheryl Whitting • Faye Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Dawn Dominy  
Pat Phelps • David Strain  
Members of our sister church in Cuba, San Jose de los Ramos**

- **Tim, Becky, and Pam Wright** upon the death of their father, Vernon, on Monday
- **Josh Rosenberg**, praying for continued, good MRIs showing no return of cancer
- **Kelly Gara**, daughter of Wes Mainord, who fell and broke an elbow on one arm and a wrist on the other
- **Hal Horan**, former pastor of UPC in hospice, and his wife, Del
- **Mary Vance**, sister of Jane Smith, undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma
- **Craig Fisher**, brother-in-law of Anita Melon, with Lewey Body dementia undergoing a medical procedure to increase the volume of his voice
- **Rhonda Fisher**, sister of Anita Melon, finishing with chemo and radiation for GI cancer
- **Chris Clark**, husband of Linda Law Clark, and their dog, **Zin**, who were involved in a hit and run accident
- **Barbara Hoffman**, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
- **Meredith Veldman and family**, upon the deaths of her mother and brother
- **Jill Scherrer and family**, upon the death of her mother
- **Mickey Brown**, in the hospital, awaiting heart valve replacement surgery
- **Ellen Severin**, Lois Kuyper Rushing's aunt, in hospice care, and her daughter and full-time caretaker, Jo Ellen Parrott
- **John Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, undergoing PT for pain in knees and hip
- **Gary & Judy Crow**, friends of the Brittons, as they deal with Gary's cardiac issues
- **Sherri Wilson**, friend of Darla O'Connor and Tavia Crumpler, with brain cancer
- **Amy Heller**, mother of the Hoffman's granddaughters, with a recurrence of cancer
- **David Pohlman**, dealing with liver disease
- **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
- **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
- **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**