

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 APRIL 19, 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 (4/19) 3rd Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:30 a.m. New Member Class - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and **Congregational Meeting** - Sanctuary
(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org) - Cuba Offering
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 2:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room & Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Recital - Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday (4/20)

- 5:30 p.m. College Dinner & Bible Study - Library

Tuesday (4/21)

- 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom

Wednesday (4/22)

- 9:30 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday (4/23)

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

Saturday (4/25)

- 8:00 a.m. Youth Group at Baton Rouge Food Bank

Sunday (4/26) 4th Sunday of Easter

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



The flowers this morning are
presented to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Gerry Ward
by Ruby Sevier and John Ward, III



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.

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

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called for TODAY following worship for the purpose of electing new officers. The nominating committee has put together the following slate of elders and deacons:

Elders Class of 2029

Bizza Britton

Dave Launey

Charles Sabin

Jane Smith

Violet Stroope (*youth, Class of 2027*)

Deacons Class of 2029

Mary Clinkenbeard

Wes Mainord

Margaret O'Donnell

Kathie Pohlman

Deacons Class of 2027

Dinah Keyes (*filling an unexpired term*)

Nominations from the floor must have prior approval from the nominee.

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>

Cuba Special Offering

UPC has been in a partnership with Getsemaní Presbyterian Church in Cuba for 36 years and many from UPC have enjoyed visiting there. At present Cuba is facing a humanitarian crisis, where food, medicine, personal care items, fuel, and electricity are in short supply or not available at all. But hear the good news - we continue to share our faith journeys in many ways, including by installing a water treatment system and most recently by providing a solar power system. Through our special offering this morning, we hope to sustain and grow our support for our Cuban brethren. Your support is greatly appreciated to continue this important work.



Tigers vs. Green Wave!!!

The LSU Baseball Booster Club (AKA the Fellowship Committee) will be selling 35 tickets to the LSU/Tulane Baseball game May 5th at 6:30 p.m.



There will be a sign-up sheet at the welcome center for the next 3 Sundays. Unfortunately, ticket prices are uncertain; we will charge \$10 each at this time and will hand out tickets on Sunday, May 3rd. If the tickets are less than \$10, the excess will be donated to a cause supported by the church.

Members are welcome to support the team with appropriate outerwear. Go Tigers!

Birthdays (April 19-25)

19 Mary Anne Sheffield; 21 Patti Snyder; 24 Jim Hanifen

FAITH FORMATION 2026

For Children and Youth:

- Babies - Kinder in the nursery
- 1st-7th - Act Up! - 2nd floor in Room 204
- 8th-12th - Parks Wilson Room joining Digging Deeper for Lent

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: "Following Jesus", "God's Kingdom Revealed", and "God News Spreads". 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 pod-casts 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

Faith 250--American Scriptures: As we approach the nation's 250th Anniversary, Americans do not agree on how to celebrate the occasion and, more important but not unrelated, do not agree on what "American values" are. Our class will study a series of major documents from across American history in hopes of developing a better sense of what we mean by American ideals or an American faith.



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 2026 (as of 4/14/2026)

Received Pledged Giving: \$190,669 (30% of \$632,512 pledged)

Received Unpledged Giving: \$6,959

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$197,628

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

- **Jerry Kennedy and family**, upon the death of his sister, Kathy
- **Susan Brooks**, friend of Linda and Doug Walker, whose step-granddaughter (17) died in a car accident along with two of her friends
- **Mickey Brown**, at home recovering from surgery
- **Terry Miller Jr.**, son of Ann and Terry Miller Sr., with health issues in Virginia
- **Josh Rosenberg**, praying for continued, good MRIs showing no return of cancer
- **Hal Horan**, former pastor of UPC in hospice, and his wife, Del
- **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
- **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 these uncertain times
- **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**

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 it in the offering plate. Payments may also be made online in Realm (*please note date in the memo line*).

April 26

May 3, 24, 31

June 14, 21, 28

August 9, 23, 30

September 6, 13, 20, 27

October 11, 25