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*Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, UPC welcomes you.
We are a community where honest questions are valued
and where faith is considered a process, not an arrival.*

*Affirming that every person has worth as a unique creation and a child of God,
we welcome into full participation people of every age, sex, race, color, ethnicity, culture,
immigration status, political affiliation, economic condition, physical and mental ability,
marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression.*

*If you are passing through, we extend God's blessings to you as you continue on your way.
If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure
of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Psalm 147

From *An Improbable Gift of Blessing* by Tirabassi & Grant

*Gentle God, you give the stars names,
you feed fledgling ravens when they cry,
you heal the brokenhearted,
and you listen to us.
We come to find your love
not with horse-strength
or runner-speed,
but with our wounds
and namelessness
and need for a song. Amen.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 8:30 A.M. SERVICE

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Chimes

Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 562 (Gather) – *Halleluya! We Sing Your Praises*

A Time of Confession

Response No. 240 (Gather) – *Agnus Dei*

Assurance of Forgiveness

WE HEAR THE WORD

Listen for the Word of God

Response: Our ears are open.

The Reading of Scripture – *Isaiah 40:21-31 and Mark 1:29-39*

Sermon – *Because the Demons Knew Him*

Hymn No. 882 (Gather) – *Healer of Our Every Ill*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Sharing of the Peace

The Lord's Supper

(All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to share the bread and cup. **Gluten-free option available.**)

WE BEAR THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn No. 611 (Gather) – *Eagles Wings*

Blessing

Offering

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRELUDE – *Prelude* by William H. Harris

PROCESSION

(We gather around the symbols of our faith: the light of Christ, the living Word of scripture, the waters of baptism, the bread of life and the cup of the new covenant.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP – *Isaiah 40*

Come, all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, for the Lord will give you rest.

The Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

***They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.***

God consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction.

***For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us,
so also our healing is abundant through Christ.***

*HYMN NO. 145 – *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION – from *An Improbable Gift of Blessing* by Tirabassi & Grant

We have tried to live our lives alone, not waiting for God's renewal.

Let us confess that we are tired and failing.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION – from *An Improbable Gift of Blessing* by Tirabassi & Grant

Creator God, we push ourselves into exhaustion with petty tasks;

we offer one another faint-hearted relationships;

we run after so many good things that we run out of energy;

***we depend on our own capacities of youth or competence,
planning or understanding.***

Mother-Eagle God, slide your wing under our stumbling,

give us your hand on our weary walk,

forgive us our foolish pride and our self-wasting. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE - from *An Improbable Gift of Blessing* by Tirabassi & Grant

God does not faint or grow weary.

God's forgiveness is so powerful it could kill us and so tender it can give us birth.

ANTHEM – *They Shall Soar Like Eagles* by Laura Manzo – Adult Choir with Betty Fritz, flute

They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles.

They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary.

They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power.

They who wait upon the Lord.

Those who are weary and burdened with sorrow need not despair there is hope for tomorrow.

God will be there each time you call on Him.

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS – David Germer

(At the chimes, children go to front as congregation sings and children’s offering is received.)

Hymn No. 304 – *Jesus Loves Me!* (Verse 1)

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

(After, children in kindergarten and under may be excused for child care.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION – SA Presbyterian Cluster Habitat

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*O God, light of the minds that know you,
life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you:
Help us so to know you that we may truly love you,
so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 40:21-31 (pp. 654-655, pew Bible) and *Mark 1:29-39* (p. 911, pew Bible)

SERMON – *Because the Demons Knew Him*

OFFERING

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Books, including address, phone and email if visiting.)

Offertory – *Pavane* by Paul Drayton

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus No. 568

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Memorial Acclamation No. 582

*Dying, You destroyed our death;
Rising, You restored our life.
Lord, Jesus, come in glory.*

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to share the bread and cup. **Gluten-free option available.**)

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN NO. 303** – *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

***BENEDICTION**

(Congregants are asked to remain in the pews as the light of Christ leaves the sanctuary and goes out to the entire world.)

***POSTLUDE** – *Scherzo* by Alan Ridout

*Please stand if you are able.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

8:30am Service

Kelly Allen is leading worship. Bonnie Bartlett is the worship helper. Lois Jensen is the music leader.

11:00am Service

Kelly Allen is leading worship. Don Clark is the liturgist.

Rev. Frank Seaman and David Germer are presiding over communion.

John Silantien is directing the Adult Choir. Valerie Thompson is playing the organ and piano.

Devon Hile is the acolyte. Cynthia Smith is the sound technician.

Gail Raney is the elder at the communion table.

The ushers are Claire and David Daviss; Melissa and Dennis Richard.

Communion servers are Whitney Ball, Lenna Baxter, Gail Raney, Jen Tingle, Cathy Leary, and Ed Baxter.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

We welcome all visitors this morning and invite you into the membership of University Presbyterian Church.

If you have any questions or wish to become a member, please speak with the pastor in the Narthex or the elder at the communion table following the service.

Prayer Request Slips are in the pew racks to place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office.

Hearing amplification devices and large print bulletins/hymnals may be obtained from an usher.

Children's books can be found in the back of the church for reading during the service. You are welcome to use the narthex as a cry room. The service can be seen and heard as you walk a fussy child or let a restless toddler roam. Toys are in the women's restroom. Childcare is available in the lower level of the Children's Center.

A unisex restroom is located behind the sanctuary, through the double doors.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants

Aidan Wilson, Darla Deckard, Lee Deckard, Amy Carter-Kemp, Laura Kean, Marge Clyde, Brent Kinard, and Ashley Spinks as they begin another year of life.

Your healing and comforting presence goes to Art Browne, Walter Creswell, Francys Overstreet, Jane Owen, Tony Smith, Peggy Wood, Gary Simmons, Mel Baars, Toshi & George Kawanami, Gay Spinks, Ross Smith, and Jan Oldfather.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today is Souper Bowl Sunday. More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “*Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.*” Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money, and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry, and compassion to those in need. Be a part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously. Every dollar and food item goes directly to the House of Neighborly Service.**
- **The Partnership of Prayer** currently has over 75 people united in praying for others as needs arise. If you would like to participate in this prayer ministry, or if you have a prayer request, please contact the church office or Ruth Ann McIver (ruthann@mciverproperties.com or 210-822-0021.)
- **UPC’s website (www.upcsa.org) is full of wonderful information** such as the monthly newsletter, “The Multitude,” The SoL Center’s course catalog, “The Light,” audio recordings of Sunday sermons, and the UPC Member Directory. **In Touch with UPC** is a weekly email newsletter with brief overviews of current events. To receive it, include your email address on the friendship pads.
- **House with a Heart Gala – Friday, February 10, 2012.** Join us for a Fabulously Fun evening to benefit House of Neighborly Service at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel. Come enjoy a delicious gourmet dinner, silent and live auctions, music and dancing. Sally Lloyd will be in the Narthex today 5 selling tickets for \$65 each. Tickets are currently available through the church office through Monday, Feb. 6. Invite your family, friends and associates to this six annual celebration that will help raise funds to keep the ministry, programs and services of House of Neighborly Service a vital and active part of the Westside community. Your participation in this event will be a gift from the heart and a great way to celebrate Valentine’s Day!
- **February 10 is the next Haven for Hope Friday Worship at 7pm. Some of our Trinity University students are planning the service.** Come be a part of this opportunity to meet some of the residents, join with them in worship and conversation, and enjoy refreshments together at the conclusion of the evening. Monetary donations are welcome. Contact Aimee Jensen (210-269-7080 or aimeelouis@gmail.com) for details. Information is also on Facebook with the group name of “UPC Haven for Hope Worship Service.”
- **Small groups will again enrich our experience of Lent in 2012. Would you be willing to meet with Kelly Allen and David Germer in mid-February to be a leader? Would you be willing to have a small group meet in your home or to coordinate a group meeting somewhere else (a workplace, a restaurant, etc.)?** Please call or email David or Kelly if interested. We are looking forward to working with many of you as we journey together into the mystery of living as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ!
- **CAM is in desperate need of peanut butter to put in the grocery bags!** Please bring jars to the Loaves & Fishes basket in the Narthex or the church office during the month of February. Thanks in advance for supporting CAM in this effort to help feed those in need that come through our doors at CAM!



SOL
CENTER
Adult Education
Informed by
Faith

The SoL Center
(Source of Light)
at University
Presbyterian Church
is an education center
for adults who seek
to explore
the full dimensions
of religious faith
in the 21st century.

Teachers and scholars
create an open and
respectful environment
to encourage discussion
and active learning.

The SoL Center
invites persons of all
religious backgrounds
in San Antonio
to participate.

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UPCOMING SOL CENTER CLASSES

T'ai Yoga with Esther Vexler

Session #2: Six Tuesdays, Feb. 14, 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, and 20; 10-11 a.m. \$45.

Enjoy a gentle, powerful yoga using the breath and connecting with the heart. Esther introduces T'ai Chi along with gentle yoga as a meditation in motion, each being a source of tranquility through use of movement. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat, blanket and pillow.

Qigong with Terri Murphy

Session #2: Six Thursdays, Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, and 22; 7-8 p.m. \$45

Qigong (pronounced Chee Gung) has come to San Antonio, and it's the hottest new trend to stay healthy and fit. Doctors are now prescribing Qigong as part of a healthy lifestyle. It can lower blood pressure, lengthen your life, enhance your immune system, and there are no side effects! Practiced at your own comfort level, there is never any forcing, pushing or pulling. Join Terri, identify your "qi" and tap into the well of good health for life.

Jonah and Ruth: Biblical Lessons on Overcoming Prejudice with Sam Stahl

Two Tuesdays, February 21 and 28; 7-8:30 p.m. \$25.

In this course, we shall study Jonah and Ruth, which are among the shortest books in the Hebrew Bible. Each contains only four chapters. In both books, the biblical author conveys the powerful message that we need to reassess our attitudes toward our antagonists. God ordered Jonah to preach to the Ninevites, the arch-enemy of the people of Israel. Jonah tried to escape this assignment by taking refuge in the belly of a great fish. However, God insisted that he fulfill it and reminded him of the sanctity of every human life. Similarly, Ruth was a Moabite, whose people were also bitter adversaries of Israel. After her Jewish husband died, she remained intensely devoted to Naomi, her Jewish mother-in-law, and became the first significant convert in the Hebrew Bible. She later married Boaz, a relative of her late husband, and was the great-grandmother of King David.

Instructor: Rabbi Samuel M. Stahl is rabbi emeritus of Temple Beth-El of San Antonio, where he served as senior rabbi for 26 years. The co-chair of the Program Committee of the SoL Center, he has authored two books: *Making the Timeless Timely* and *Boundaries, Not Barriers*.

Global Migration and Refugee Resettlement with Lopita Nath

Three Tuesdays, Feb. 23, Mar. 1, and 8; 7-9 p.m. \$25.

Learn from a premier scholar on world history and meet refugees who have been resettled in San Antonio from many parts of the world. We will discuss global migration trends and the impact on host countries, particularly the U.S. On the topic of global refugee issues, Dr. Nath will examine policies of different countries around the world in dealing with refugees. We will also focus on refugee experiences and third country resettlement. We will have the opportunity to meet local refugees and hear their stories of how they negotiate the issues of identity, citizenship, cultural and language barriers in a foreign country.

About the instructor: Dr. Lopita Nath is an assistant professor of history at the University of the Incarnate Word. A native of India, she has a Ph.D. from Gauhati University, India. Lopita Nath specializes in Asian history. She has also taught courses on world history, global human rights, migration studies, and global refugees.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 02/05/12

8:30am First Worship Service
9:15am Coffee Fellowship
9:15am Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45am Sunday School
10:15am Adult Choir Rehearsal
**10:45am Annual
Congregational Meeting**
11:00am Second Worship Service
12:30pm Youth Group
12:30pm Lunch Bunch (Tomatillo's)
2:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
3:30pm Girl Scout Troop #153

MONDAY, 02/06/12

Morning CC Farmyard Visit
6:30pm SoL: Couple Talk

TUESDAY, 02/07/12

10:00am SoL: T'ai Yoga #1
1:00pm Staff Meeting
6:00pm CC Parenting Session
with Dan St. Romain

WEDNESDAY, 02/08/12

9:30am CC Music
1:30pm Book Discussion Group
1:30pm SA Convening Meeting
5:30pm F&O Committee Meeting
6:30pm Deacons Meeting
7:30pm SoL: Meditation and Nutrition

THURSDAY, 02/09/12

9:00am CC Music/Western Day
10:00am SoL: Qigong #1
12:30pm CC Accreditation Support Group
2:00pm Women's Prison Bible Study
7:00pm SoL: Biblical Textual Criticism
7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 02/10/12

CC Open Registration Begins

9:15am CC Spiritual Enrichment
7:00pm Haven for Hope Friday Worship
8:00pm AA Group

SUNDAY, 02/12/12

8:30am First Worship Service
9:15am Coffee Fellowship
9:15am Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45am Sunday School
10:15am Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00am Second Worship Service
12:30pm CE Youth Sub-Committee
12:30pm Courtyard Gathering
5:00pm Small Group Leader Training

The UPCC 2nd Annual Rummage Sale Fundraiser Saturday, March 3, 2012

**Tell your family! Tell your friends! Tell your neighbors!
Donate! Shop! Volunteer!**

Call Jenai Minor at 210-867-9790 with questions.