

News and Information

UPC Online - Please visit uaupc.org for up-to-date information about the life of this congregation. News and notes (including Sunday assignments) are available there, as are photos of some of the big events in the history of church: past and present. Missed a sermon? It is posted in the worship section. Looking to invite someone to church? The first step may be coming to church online. Questions or ideas? Contact Adam Miller.

Pictures from Cananda— Pat and Annabel are having a great time on their trip to Canada. You can see pictures from their adventures on their website. Go to www.picasaweb.google.com/astephens47/

Monday Morning-Every Monday morning, Ron posts a column that provides a behind-the-scenes look at life at University Presbyterian Church. In the first three months of the column's existence, he has written on subjects ranging from General Assembly to presbytery to the University of Alabama. He has provided updates on the session's decisions, on members and where they are traveling and on congregational concerns. You may access this "blog" from the church's web site or go there directly by visiting monday-morning.bravelog.com/index.php.

Deacon's Food Pantry— the food pantry is in need of canned goods. For the month of May, the food pantry provided 395 bags of food to 284 families totaling 683 people (257 children, 303 adults and 123 seniors).

Presbyterian House- Now that summer is upon us, space is available at the Presbyterian House. If you know of a student at any of the schools in Tuscaloosa who is looking for a place to live, please contact the church office (or encourage that person to do so). If you have not been through the facility in a while, perhaps you would like a tour. The house has a new dining room set thanks to the generosity of Bill Henderson. Thinking of giving something away that may be of use to student living at the Presbyterian House? Please let us know.

The Main Event -The Main Event is a leadership training event sponsored by all of the presbyteries of Alabama: Sheppards and Lapsley; North Alabama; and South Alabama. This year's event, set for August 8-9 at Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham will feature Princeton professor Abigail Rian Evans, who specializes in bioethics, health ministries, ministry with older adults, pastoral care and ethics and health care decision-making. To sign up, please contact Paige Miller by Friday, July 25. The church will assume responsibility for registration fees.

July Birthdays - Mary Helen DuPree July 10, Kay Ellis July 17, July 19 Pat Dunbar, Annie Bowden July 22, Bill Henderson July 23 and Gillie Presley and Ron Gilmer July 27.

Attendance - June 29— 23+2 nursery, June 22—22

Memorials— In Memory of *Helen Cargo* by Nancy and Robert DuPree

Sunday Assignments

July 6

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Cathy Andreen
Ushers Becki Evans and
Vanessa Llera
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Kay Ellis
Coffee Hour

July 13

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Reader Ann Webb
Ushers Alexanders
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Cathy Andreen
Coffee Hour

Lectionary Readings

July 6, 2008

Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Ps. 45:10-17 or S. of Sol. 2:8-13
Rom. 7:15-25a
Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13, 2008

Gen. 25:19-34
Ps. 119:105-112
Rom. 8:1-11
Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

Let us Pray.....

Arlee Vallery, Marie and Joe Stone, Barbara Miller,
Jill Martindale, Regina Lassiter, Lucy Morgan, Steve
Borrelli and family, Robert Robinson, Lois Field, Wilma Warren, Martha Folmar,
Jackie Reid, Kay VanLuvender, Frederick Washington and Eddie Hinton

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Choir rehearsal
11:00 Worship
12:00 Coffee Hour

Monday 9:30 Staff Meeting

Tuesday 1:30-3:30 Food Pantry **Closed**
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday Food Pantry Shop Day
Pat and Annabel return

Friday Ron moving into his new house
(1222 Heritage Drive)
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous



We come together as the body of Christ, an expression of God's grace in this community. We are bound together in God's steadfast love and in our mutual love and support for one another. We honor a special commitment to provide nurture, support and encouragement to students. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live with compassion, to work for justice, to integrate faith and learning and to celebrate the gift of our life together. Since God's love excludes no one, our mission is to be inclusive. We trust that in God's time and by God's grace, God will destroy all barriers. We resolve to erect no barriers while working to overcome existing ones. Recognizing that we do not possess all the truth all the time, we affirm a variety of expressions of life and faith. This is an open church. You are welcome here.

Ron Gilmer, Pastor

Stated Hours:
Monday 1:30-2:30 and Friday 11:00-12:00

Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary
Church Office Hours:



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William Henderson, Director of Music
Patrick Rish, Organist

*“University Presbyterian Church is a More Light Congregation,
an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

July 6, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 4:18

Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me
To bring good news to the poor and release to the captives.
Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN PH #302 *I Danced in the Morning* SIMPLE GIFTS

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

from *Belonging to God: Catechism Resources for Worship*

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another.

KYRIE

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker

Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, gloria in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (OT p. 623)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30(NT p. 11)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Hymn of Promise
Adam Miller, Tenor

Natalie Sleeth

SERMON

An Immigrant's Song

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN SNC #138

There in God's Garden

SHADES MOUNTAIN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Belonging to God: Catechism Resources for Worship*

We believe in the Holy Spirit, which establishes the holy catholic church. We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. All those who live in union with Christ, whether on earth or with God in heaven, are saints. Our communion with Christ makes us members one of another. As by his death Christ removed our separation from God, so by his Spirit Christ removes all that divides us from each other. Breaking down every wall of hostility, the Spirit makes us, who are many, one body in Christ. God does not will to be God without us, but instead grants to us creatures, eternal life. Communion with Jesus is eternal life itself. By the Holy Spirit, we are joined to Christ through faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through Christ we are raised from death to new life. For Christ we shall live to all eternity.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit ever more;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore, Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, — ho - san - na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

LORD'S PRAYER

The prayer, as it will be prayed this morning, begins, "Our Mother God and Father God, who art in heaven..." The "Amen" will be sung.

AMEN!
A - men, — A - men, A - men, A - - men!

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation is invited to gather at the Lord's Table. First bread will be served and then wine (which, in fact, is grape juice). When serving another person, it is appropriate to say, "The body of Christ, given for you...the blood of Christ, shed for you." Or "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven...the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." After being served, it is appropriate to respond, "Amen," "Alleluia! Amen"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN PH #276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Alleluia! Amen.

VOLUNTARY