

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.

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.

Job Opening - Associate Director for Marketing and Development - More Light Presbyterians Job Overview: The MLP Associate Director for Marketing and Development will be responsible creating and implementing a marketing and communications plan, developing financial resources to support the mission and work of More Light Presbyterians and for coordinating the day-to-day administrative operations of More Light Presbyterians. Compensation: \$40,000 annually plus benefit package. **Application Deadline: August 1, 2008** Submit resume to: **Vikki Dearing, Co-Moderator - More Light Presbyterians Board of Directors 13217 Green Valley Drive - Oklahoma City, OK 73120 (405) 203.2929 dearbunt@aol.com**

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, July 13—31 + 2 nursery

Memorials- In Memory of *Helen Cargo* by Arlee Vallery, Lena Frost and Lois Field

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
(after Bach's *Suite No. 1 in G* for unaccompanied cello)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.
Here I find my greatest treasure, hither by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me
when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
O, to grace how great a debt or daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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Sunday Assignments

July 20

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Rob Spencer
Ushere Millers
Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeters Nancy DuPree and
Gillie Presley
Coffee Hour Nancy DuPree

July 27

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Joanna Biermann
Ushers Nancy and Robert DuPree
Welcomer Carla Hall
Greeter Becki Evans
Coffee Hour

Lectionary Readings

July 20, 2008

Gen. 28:10-19a
Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24
Rom. 8:12-25
Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

July 27, 2008

Gen. 29:15-28
Ps. 105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128
Rom. 8:26-39
Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

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
12:30 Session Meeting

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday Food Pantry Shop Day

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Monday 11:00 Staff Meeting



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
Office Hours: Monday 9-1



University Presbyterian Church

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Ron Gilmer, Pastor

William Henderson, Director of Music

Patrick Rish, Organist

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

July 20, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *God, We Praise You* arr. Kevin J. Sadowski

CALL TO WORSHIP Genesis 28:16-17
Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place ---and I did not know it!"

And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

***HYMN PH #269** *O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand* DUNDEE

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You created us from nothing and fill us with your Spirit. Forgive us for betraying the spirit of truth within us, for following destructive and self-destructive paths and for striving for peace based on our efforts rather than on your grace in Jesus Christ. We rejoice that you are giving and forgiving, that you want to know us and that you care for us, sisters and brothers of your Son, our Savoir, the Lord Jesus Christ.

KYRIE arr. Healey Willan, 1930



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

GLORIA Thomas Keesecker



THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Romans 8:12-25 (NT p. 158)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24 (OT p. 577)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing* arr. Roland E. Martin
(words on back panel)

SERMON *Knowledge of Self, Knowledge of God* Ron Gilmer

***HYMN PH #376** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Westminster Confession of Faith
The light of nature, the works of creation and providence manifest the goodness, wisdom and power of God. Still, our knowledge of God is limited. God is ultimately mysterious, and yet God affords us glimpses of this mystery, at sundry times, and in diverse manners, according to the Lord's pleasure. By God's grace, truth is preserved and propagated to establish the church more surely and to comfort us against the corruption of the flesh and the malice of the world so that we may give glory to God now and forever. Amen.

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



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



LORD'S PRAYER

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



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 #420** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

*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 *Fanfare and Fughetta on All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
arr. Kevin J. Sadowski and Austin C. Lovelace