

News and Information

Welcome! Thanks be to God for gathering us to worship. Welcome to University Presbyterian Church. If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign the register on the stand inside of the front door of the sanctuary. For more information on the life and work of this congregation, please contact Ron Gilmer at the church (758-5422), by way of e-mail (rongilmer@aol.com) or visit the church's web site: www.uaupc.org.

Deacon's Food Pantry - In the month of July, the food pantry provided 366 families with 542 bags of food. There was a total of 823 served (302 children, 376 adults and 145 elderly).

Nursery Rocking Chair—There is a rocking chair in the church nursery that has a plaque dedicating it to the memory of Sally Strickland; if you have information about her or who dedicated this rocker in her memory, please contact the church office.

General Assembly Report -Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley Executive Tom Evans Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church Pastor Greg Bentley are scheduled to be at UPC Sunday, September 7, at 5:30 p.m. Both served as delegates to the 218th General Assembly in San Jose, CA, and will provide us with information and insight based on their experiences.

Alabama Arise -Alabama Arise, a citizens' policy project, is a coalition of religious, community and civic groups that promote state policies to improve the lives of low-income people. UPC's Peace and Justice Committee has a long-standing commitment to this organization, whose annual meeting will take place Saturday, September 13, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in Montgomery. For more information, contact Gillie Presley or Ruthie Sherrill.

Academic Sunday -The session has designated Sunday, September 14, as Academic Sunday at UPC. On this Sunday, we will welcome Faythe Freese, who serves as Associate Professor of Music at the Alabama School of Music, as our guest organist. The liturgy for this service will reflect the Reformed-Presbyterian tradition's commitment to "the life of the mind in service to God." The congregation will gather for dinner in the fellowship hall after the service.

Adult Sunday School - Adult Sunday School will resume at 9:30am on Sun., Sept. 14 in the UPC library. Please join us for an overview of Christian Education for the semester.

Children's Sunday School - Thanks be to God that we have at least 2 children in our midst. Therefore, Children's Sunday School will be an evolving activity this year at UPC. Paige Miller will be coordinating Children's Sunday School, but she needs help! If you are interested in assisting in any way (teaching, helping another teacher, etc.), please contact Paige as soon as possible. Her email address is PURPLEPC@AOL.COM and phone number is 657-0799. Thank you!

Belonging to God: An Educational Opportunity -This fall, Ron Gilmer will be leading a class on being Presbyterian, especially at University Presbyterian Church. If you are considering membership, this class may be for you. If you are a baptized high school or college student who has not been confirmed, this class may serve as the next step in the process for you. Please contact Ron Gilmer by September 21 with questions about participating in this group. Dates and times of the series will be determined the schedules of the participants.

Communion of the People -Following the breaking of the bread, all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are invited to gather at the communion table where we serve one another. In giving the bread, it is appropriate to say "the body of Christ, given for you." In giving the wine (non-alcoholic), it is appropriate to say, "the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." Appropriate responses include "Amen," "Alleluia! Amen" and "Thanks be to God!"

Communion Music -As the sacrament is celebrated, the congregation is invited to sing the following choruses: (1) Holy is the Lord; (2) Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst; and (3) Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Contact Information - Please note that Ron Gilmer now has a Tuscaloosa address and phone number: 1222 Heritage Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406; (205)310-6873. His stated hours have changed and are expanded. Stop by the church on Mondays, 10-11 a.m., and Thursdays, 10-12 noon, and he should be available to meet with you. To schedule an appointment at a different time, please contact the church office at (205)758-5422.

Attendance - August 17—37 + 2 nursery, August 24—41 + 1 nursery

Sunday Assignments

August 31

Communion Mary Helen Martin
Reader Adam Miller
Ushers Robert and Nancy DuPree
Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeter Cathy Andreen

September 7

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Garry Warren
Ushers Tory Ryan and John Whitehead
Welcomer Paige Miller
Greeter Denise Yanaura

Lectionary Readings

August 31

Exod. 3:1-15
Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Rom. 12:9-21
Matt. 16:21-28

September 7

Exod. 12:1-4
Ps. 149
Rom. 13:8-14
Matt. 18:15-20

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, Carla Hall and Frederick Washington.

Happy Birthday...
James Roberson (August 13th), Arlee Vallery (August 21st) and Paige Miller, Beth Riggs (August 31st)



This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship

Monday Office Closed— Labor Day
6-8:00 WF Bible Study and Dinner

Tuesday

11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 WF Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 7-9 Karate Class

Thursday 7-9 Karate Class

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
2-6:00 WF Friday Chaos in the student center

Elders

Nancy DuPree
Linda Grote
Julia Hartman
William Henderson
Adam Miller
Gillie Presley

Lena Prewitt
Annabel Stephens
Garry Warren
Ann Webb
John Whitehead

Deacons

Robert DuPree
Carla Hall
Paige Miller

Mission Statement

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 10:00-11:00 and Thursday 10:00-12:00 noon

Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-2



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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”

August 31, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust*
Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:1-6

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Search for the Lord and the strength of the Lord;
continually seek the face of God.**

Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth.

**O offspring of Abraham and Sarah, God's servants, O children of Israel,
God's chosen.**

***HYMN PH #281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER (UNISON)

God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and lead us into the promised land. We give thanks that you love us and forgive the sin that we confess this day. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you forever; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

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 Psalm 105: 23-26, 45c(OT p. 556)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21(NT p. 162)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Ashgrove Gloria* arr. Malcolm Archer

To God be the glory, all glory in the highest and
peace to the people who dwell here below.

Our heav'nly God, our Lord, and sov'reign to you the Almighty,
our praises bestow.
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you with grateful thanksgiving,
our song let us raise.

All glory and honor and glad adoration to god in the highest, hosanna and praise.
Lord Jesus, the only begotten of heaven, we praise and we bless you,
the Son and the Lamb.

The sin of the world you have taken upon you, have mercy upon us, oh,
GREAT I AM.

For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One.
Sing praise to the creator, the Son and the Spirit, from ages everlasting,
the Three in One.

SERMON *Love, Hate, Live Peaceably* Ron Gilmer

***HYMN SNC #204** *Lord, Make Us Servants* O WALY WALY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** based on Exodus 3:1-15; Matthew 16:21-28
As God called Moses, God calls us. God observed the misery of covenant people in Egypt, and God watches over us. God hears our cries and knows our suffering. Slaves we were, but God delivered us. God delivers us to lands flowing with milk and honey. Still we ask, "Who are we that we should go to Pharaoh and bring Israelites out of Egypt?" We are children of Israel, God's covenant people. God promises to be with us as we lead others out of Egypt. In Jesus Christ, God is with us. He told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they gain in return for their life?" We are Christ's disciples. We have been led out of Egypt. Our lives are gained by losing them. Such freedom comes only from God. This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

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

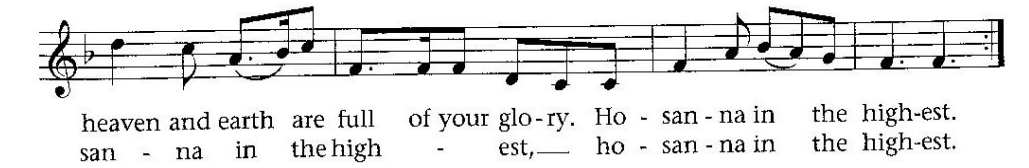
OFFERING DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

*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



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN PH #85** *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

***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 *Praise the Lord, all nations!* Emma Lou Diemer