

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.

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 31 – 33 + 2 nursery, August 24 – 41 + 1 nursery

Sunday Assignments

September 7

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

September 14

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Becki Evans
Ushers Chet and Suzanne Alexander
Welcomer Carla Hall
Greeters Paige and Kai Miller

Lectionary Readings

September 7

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

September 14

Exod. 14:19-31; Ps. 114
or Exod. 15:1b-11, 20-21
Rom. 14:1-12
Matt. 18:21-35

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 Darget (9/3), Gregory Henderson (9/7), Billy Romine (9/9), Lena Frost (9/10), Norm Ellis (9/14) and Jamie Campbell-Naidoo (9/19)



This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Choir Warm-up
11:00 Worship
12:30 Choir Rehearsal
5:30 General Assembly Report
Monday 11:00 Staff Meeting
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

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Friday

8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
11:30 Finance Committee
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”

September 7, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn* Sedio

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 149:1
Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing praise to God in the congregation of the faithful.

*HYMN PH #244 *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind* MONKLAND

PRAYER (UNISON)
Humble us, O God, when we think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think. Encourage us when we forget how valuable we are to you. Forgive our sins of pride and despair. Strengthen our faith. Strengthen us for service, in Christ's name and for his sake.

KYRIE arr. Healey Willan, 1930

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, glori-a in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-14(OT p. 58)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 18:15-20(NT p. 20)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Psalm 149 - Give Praise to the Lord (Laudate Dominum)
PH #257

SERMON *One, Two, Buckle My Shoe* Ron Gilmer

*HYMN SNC #274 *If You and I Believe in Christ*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH based on Romans 13:8-14
In Jesus Christ, God fulfills the law. As Paul proclaimed to the church in Rome, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." By God's grace in Jesus Christ, we are loved; and being loved, we are capable of loving one another and ourselves. 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 *This Is My Father's World* Albrecht


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..."

AMEN!

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN PH #417 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* REGENT SQUARE
(Please sing "our God" in place of "the Father" in the fourth verse)

*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 *Trompette Jubilante* Penfield