

## 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 pastor at (758-5422), by way of e-mail ([rongilmer@aol.com](mailto:rongilmer@aol.com)) or visit the church's web site: [www.uaupc.org](http://www.uaupc.org).

**Adult Sunday School**— Adult Sunday School will resume at 9:30 am on Sun., Sept. 14 in the UPC library. September 28— John Whitehead will lead a discussion of the *Presbyterian Hymnal*, looking at the organization and bibliographic features of it, and in the process, exploring such concepts as tune names and meters., October 5—Do Native Americans Celebrate Columbus Day?- Paige Miller, October 12—Christian Values, Political Ideology, and the 2008 Election—Norm Baldwin, October 19—Alabama Constitutional Reform—Hill Carmichael, Greater Birmingham Ministries

**Our Muslim Neighbors**- On Tuesday, September 23, local Muslims will share faith experiences and discuss the observance of Ramadan, and you are invited to participate. This group will meet in the Crossroads Community Center on the campus of the University of Alabama, 6-7:30 p.m., 232 Ferguson Center. The event is being sponsored by the Muslim Students Association and the Crossroads Community Center.

**Self-care in Lonely Territory**—Please note that Ron Gilmer will be out-of-town Tuesday, September 23-Wednesday, September 24. He will be participating in a small church pastors retreat sponsored by the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. The event will be led by Anthony Granberry of the Care and Counseling Center in Decatur, GA. The theme will be "Self-care in Lonely Territory," and the meeting will take place at the 4-H Center in Birmingham. Please do not hesitate to contact him using his Tuscaloosa cell number: (205) 310-6873.

**Church Workday** - The Building and Grounds Committee is planning a general work day at the church on Saturday, September 27, from 9:30 am to noon. Everyone is requested and encouraged to come and help in whatever way they can. From cleaning in the kitchen to weeding the flower beds, there's plenty of opportunity for everyone.

**Queer Film Series**- The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Tuscaloosa is sponsoring a queer films series that will begin on Oct. 3rd at 6:30 with "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." Refreshments will be served and discussion will follow. The UUCT is located at 6400 New Watermelon Rd. For additional information contact Alice Parker, 556-6802.

**World Communion Sunday**—Sunday, October 5, is World Communion Sunday. This year's theme is "Break the Bread of New Creation." The PC(USA)'s annual Peacemaking Offering will be given. Please give, as Scripture says, "not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

**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](mailto: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.

**Attendance** - September 14 —42 + 2 nursery, September 7—41 + 2 nursery

## Sunday Assignments

### September 21

Communion Nancy DuPree  
Reader Gillie Presley  
Ushers Sandy Riseman and  
Denise Yanaura  
Welcomer Julia Hartman  
Greeter Becki Evans

### September 28

Communion Paige Miller  
Reader Chet Alexander  
Ushers The Millers  
Welcomer John Whitehead  
Greeter Lydia Gilmer

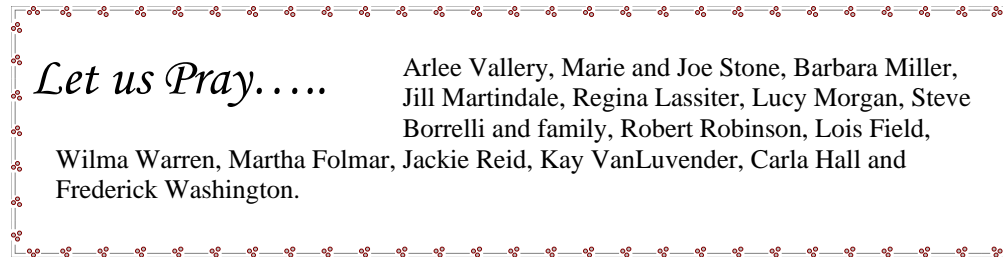
## Lectionary Readings

### September 21

Exod. 16:2-15  
Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45  
Phil. 1:21-30  
Matt. 20:1-16

### September 28

Exod. 17:1-7  
Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16  
Phil. 2:1-13  
Matt. 21:23-32



### This Week at UPC

**Sunday** 9:30 Sunday School  
10:15 Coffee Hour and  
Choir Warm-up  
11:00 Worship  
12:30 Session Meeting  
**Monday** 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”*

**September 21, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.**  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Trompette Prelude* Kimball

CALL TO WORSHIP 2 Corinthians 8:9  
You know that the grace of our Lord Jesus, that though he was rich,  
For our sake he became poor, so that by his poverty we might become rich.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)  
God of all, you have willed that the last shall be first, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Still, we strive to be first, to be adult--God-like--to the point that we forget that we belong to you. Forgive us our sin and the sin of the world. Give us wisdom which is from above, so that we may understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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 Philippians 1:21-30 (NT p. 196)  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Exodus 16:2-15 (OT p. 62)  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

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*A Hymn for Peace*

Eileen M. Nelson  
arr. Ronald A. Nelson

God, stir in hearts the peace of Christ from above;  
Peace which kindles not the bomb's flaming pow'r,  
But sparks aglow the light and life of your love;  
Shines your hope amid despair's dark hour;  
A peace which sees not nation, race or creed,  
but saints and heirs, our Savior's fam'ly of earth,  
That lives and breathes each member's hunger and need;  
Cries the mercy of that humble birth.  
For peace was Jesus born as servant to live:  
Arms that welcomed poor and outcast and ill,  
Hands that reached in love to heal and forgive,  
Freed the hopeless to embrace your will.  
He shunned temptation's roads to might and pow'r,  
Rebuked the sword's defense to take up his cross,  
Forgave his foes in hate and cruelty's hour,  
Died to reconcile the least of us.  
Empow'ed by you, [Help us] O God, your cross may we share,  
Turned from trust in weapons, bloodshed or strife,  
And filled with Spirit-fruits of nurture and care,  
Called as stewards of your gift of life;  
Till voices joined in global choirs resound  
To drown all battle cries with hymns of rebirth,  
And hearts affirm in tones of love, world around,  
Christ, your, your kingdom come, your peace on earth! Amen! Amen!

SERMON *Manna...from Caterpillars?* Ron Gilmer

\*HYMN PH #452 *O Day of God, Draw Nigh* ST. MICHAEL

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Second Helvetic Confession*  
For even as bodily food and drink not only refresh and strengthen our bodies, but also keeps them alive, so the flesh of Christ delivered for us, and his blood shed for us, not only refresh and strengthen our souls, but also preserve them alive, not so far as they are corporeally eaten and drunken, but in so far as they are communicated unto us spiritually by the Spirit of God...as we must by eating receive food into our bodies in order than it may work in us, and prove its efficacy in us...so it is necessary that we receive Christ by faith, that he may become ours, and he may live in us and we in him. For he says (and we believe): "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." This is the Word of the Lord. 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Albrecht

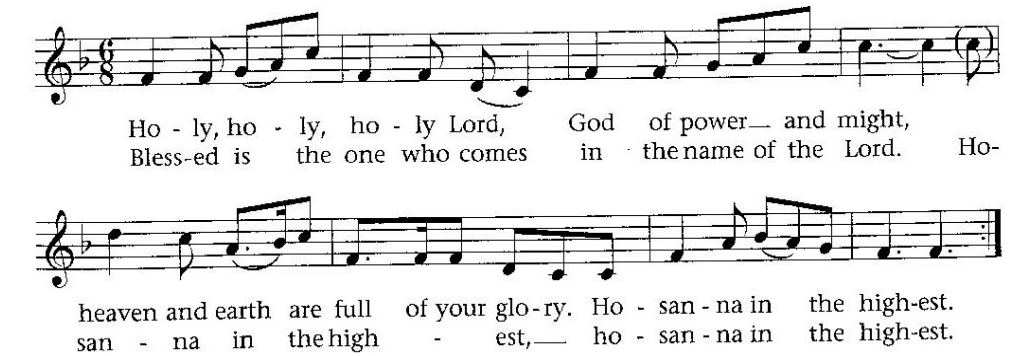
DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore, Amen.*

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

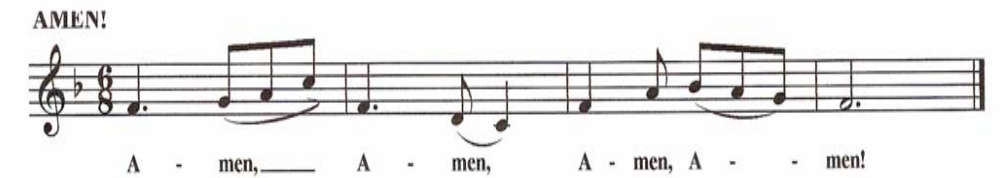


MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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 #367 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI

\*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 *Postlude on 'Old Hundredth'* Bock