

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) or visit the church's web site: www.uaupc.org.

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.

Adult Sunday School— Oct. 5 - Do Native American's Celebrate Columbus Day? - Paige Miller This lesson will explore some alternative information about Columbus that is not typically presented in schools or our history books with a focus on how Columbus' journey to the Americas affected Native Americans. **October 12**—Christian Values, Political Ideology, and the 2008 Election—Norm Baldwin, **October 19**—Alabama Constitutional Reform—Hill Carmichael, Greater Birmingham Ministries

Break the Bread of New Creation - Next Sunday, October 5, is World Communion Sunday. The PC(USA)'s annual peacemaking offering will be received. This offering will be distributed to the General Assembly (50%); synod and presbytery (25%); and Turning Point (25%).

Congregational Meeting - The session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, October 5. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect elders and deacons to the class of 2011. The meeting will convene immediately after worship. Please be in prayer for this year's Nominating Committee as it completes its work.

Belonging to God - Thanks to all who have expressed an interest in being a part of *Belonging to God*, a group that will provide a forum for exploring questions of faith, especially as they pertain to the life and work of UPC. Please meet briefly in the sanctuary after today's service to discuss times for these gatherings. The series will consist of four parts: (1) Who Am I? Why Am I Here?: Our Stories; (2) Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord: On Scripture and Worship; (3) More and More Light: Civil Rights and Social Justice; (4) Belonging to God in the Church and the World: The Church's Witness and Mission.

Election Day Transportation—The Peace and Justice Committee plans to provide transportation on election day, November 4th, for anyone who might have difficulty going to vote. If you can help provide transportation please contact one of the Peace and Justice Committee members: Gillie Presley, Norm Baldwin, Linda Grote, Robert DuPree, Bill Henderson and Ruthie Sherrill.

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!

Communion of the People -Following the breaking of the bread, all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior 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.

Memorials—In Memory of *Helen McCain Cargo* from Bill and Glenda Moody. In Memory of *George Martin* from Chet and Suzanne Alexander.

Attendance - September 14 —42 + 2 nursery, September 21 —38 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

September 28

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

October 5

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

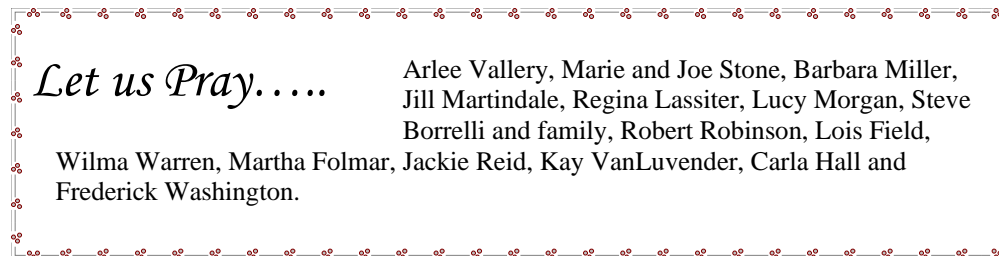
Lectionary Readings

September 28

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

October 5

Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Ps. 19
Phil. 3:4b-14
Matt. 21:33-46



This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Coffee Hour and
Choir Warm-up
11:00 Worship
12:30-2:00 Choir Rehearsal
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 6:30 Peace & Justice Comm mtg.
7-9 Karate Class
Thursday 7-9 Karate Class
Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
2-6:00 WF Friday Chaos in the
student center
Saturday UA vs. Kentucky-Home game

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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William Henderson, Director of Music
Patrick Rish, Organist

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

September 28, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Simple Gifts* Spong

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 78:1-4

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told to us, we will not hide from our children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works God has done.

*HYMN PH #215 *Come, Sing with Joy to God* TO GOD WITH GLADNESS

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

O Lord, Our God, we worship you in awe and wonder. We are embarrassed by our sin. You promised never to break your covenant with us, and we break our covenant with you again and again. Strengthen us, we pray. Guide us through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made know to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name and for whose sake we pray.

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, gloria in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 17:1-7 (OT p. 64)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 21:23-32 (NT p. 23)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

ANTHEM *Lord for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* David Ashley White

(Lidley's Prayers, 1566)

Lord, Lord, for tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge,

But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our lives.

To decline from sin and incline to virtue,

That we may walk in a perfect heart before Thee, now and ever more. Amen.

SERMON *On Death, Taxes and Prostitution* Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #83 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* DEO GRACIAS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH based on Philippians 2:1-11

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, our joy is made complete by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. We pray that we will do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility we will regard others as better than ourselves, that each of us will look not to our own interests, but to the interests others, that the same mind will be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death---even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God. 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 *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* Barlow

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 #409 *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* ABERYSTWYTH

*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 *Jesus Shall Reign* Held