

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.

Adult Sunday School— Oct. 26 - West Alabama Food Bank - Henry Lipsey.

Belonging to God - The Belonging to God series is off and running. The group met for the first time this week. The subject of this Thursday's meeting is "Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord: On Scripture and Worship." The following sessions are "More and More Light: Civil Rights and Social Justice" and "Belonging to God in the Church and the World: The Church's Witness and Mission." Each gathering starts at 5:30 p.m. Please be in prayer for the participants: Beccy Biermann, Becki Evans, Kendall French, Quincy Hall, Jeff Naidoo, Beth Reggs, Patrick Rish, Annabel Stephens, Nicole Varnado, Rachel Walker and Denise Yanaura.

It's Not East Being Green - The Peace and Justice Committee is considering implementing a recycling program at UPC that would emphasize aluminum, newspaper and magazines. The question being discussed is, "Does the church have the volunteer base to transport the recyclables to the appropriate locations on a regular basis?" If you would be willing to assume responsibility for transporting recyclables to a recycling center one Sunday per month, please contact Gillie Presley or another member of the Peace and Justice Committee.

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.

All Saints' Sunday—On Sunday, November 2, our liturgy will recognize that the Saturday before is All Saints' Day. Part of this service will involve giving thanks for the lives of those who have died in the past year. Please give the names of those you would like remembered during the service to Ron Gilmer.

Festival of the Earth—The Festival of the Earth is scheduled for Sunday, November 23. The Building and Grounds committee is working on a project to share with the congregation. A covered dish luncheon will follow the service.

Children's Sunday School - Paige Miller is 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 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.

Thoughts and Prayers— Our thoughts and prayer are with Kendall French following the death of his grandmother in Kentucky.

Attendance - October 5 —34 + 3 nursery, September 21 —38 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

October 19

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Linda Grote
Ushers The Millers
Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeters Nancy DuPree
Gillie Presley

October 26

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Joanna Biermann
Ushers The DuPrees
Welcomer Carla Hall
Greeter Becki Evans

Lectionary Readings

October 19

Exod. 33:12-23
Ps. 99
Thess. 1:1-10
Matt. 22:15-22

October 26

Deut. 34:1-12
Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thess. 2:1-8
Matt. 22:34-46

Let us Pray.....

James Walker, Arlee Vallery, Marie and Joe Stone, Barbara Miller, Jill Martindale, Regina Lassiter, Lucy Morgan, Robert Robinson, Lois Field, Wilma Warren, Martha Folmar, Jackie Reid, Kay VanLuvender, Carla Hall and Frederick Washington.

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 5:30 Belonging to God
7-9 Karate Class

Friday 11:30 Finance Comm. meeting
2-6:00 WF Friday Chaos in the
student center
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

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”*

October 19, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *If Thou But Trust God to Guide Thee* Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
Your name is great among the nations, O God.
Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN PH #288 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Holy God, you are exalted over all the nations, and just in all your ways. The sin that we confess belongs to each of us and to all of us. We put ourselves before our neighbors, and as a nation, we exalt ours above all others. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to pursue justice, even to the point of sacrifice. Strengthen us to worship you with our deeds and to proclaim your greatness with our lips, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Psalm 99 (OT p. 552)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:15-22(NT p. 24)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Eternal Light* Jane Marshall

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.
Eternal Life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see;
eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me:
Until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.

SERMON *Even in an Election Year* Ron Gilmer

*HYMN SNC #214 *Have We Any Gift Worth Giving* COSTLY GIFTS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

from the Theological Declaration of Barmen
Scripture tells us that, in the as yet unredeemed world in which the church also exists, the State has by divine appointment the task of providing for justice and peace. It fulfills this task by means of the threat and exercise of force, according to the measure of human judgment and human ability. The church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment in gratitude and reverence. It calls to mind the Kingdom of God, God's commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled. It trusts and obeys the power of the Word by which God upholds all things. We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church's vocation as well. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State...The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of its own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament. Thanks be to God for this freedom. Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ.

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 *Musette on 'Crucifer'* Callahan

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 #428 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

*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 *Processional on 'Crucifer'* Callahan