

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.

Reformation Sunday— Today, we, as a people of faith, celebrate our Reformed heritage. Please note that the liturgy for today's service includes calls and responses from the Westminster Catechism before the Confession of Sin and the Prayers of the People. There also is a third Scripture reading. Scripted prayers come from *A Book of Reformed Prayers* edited by Howard Rice and Lamar Williamson. The language of the confessions, especially those written during the Reformation era, appears more often than usual in today's service in recognition of the fact that our life together continues to be shaped by the experiences of those who preceded us in the faith.

Belonging to God—The first half of the Belonging to God series is in the books. The gatherings have been well attended, engaging and fun. The group will not meet this Thursday. The third session, "More and More Light: Civil Rights and Social Justice," will take place Thursday, November 6, 5:30 p.m., at the home of Becki Evans and Vanessa Llera, and the series will conclude with a discussion of "Belonging to God in the Church and the World: The Church's Witness and Mission" on Thursday, November 13, 5:30 p.m., at the home of Nicole Varnado and Rachel Walker.

Adult Sunday School Schedule— Nov. 2 - Rendering Unto Caesar - Rob Spencer - What are our financial obligations as Christians to our community and to our state government? Nov. 9 - Stewardship of the Earth, Part I - Adam Miller Nov. 16 - Stewardship of the Earth, Part II - Adam Miller Nov. 23 - Landscaping Around the Church - Buildings & Grounds Nov. 30 - No Sunday School

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 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.

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

Sunday Assignments

October 26

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

November 2

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Ruthie Sherrill
Ushers Stever Borrelli and Norm Baldwin
Welcomer Paige Miller
Greeter Mary Helen Martin

Lectionary Readings

October 26

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

November 2

Josh. 3:7-17
Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thess. 2:9-13
Matt. 23:1-12

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 Choir Rehearsal

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 5:30 Belonging to God
7-9 Karate Class

Friday 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 26, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 124:8

*HYMN PH #259

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN'FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 98 What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to God's will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of God's mercies.

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Napoleon Roussel (1805-1878)

What a frightful account we will have to give to thee, O God, to thee who judgest and condemnest the words we speak! If vain words will be condemned, what then of malicious, venomous words? And if our words merit such severe judgment, what will our deeds merit? O Lord, Lord, do not settle accounts with us! Pardon us first: then change us and in the future let no words cross our lips save those inspired by this thought, that thy Son, so full of love, was called the Word.

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, glo-ri-a in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (OT p. 191)

SECOND READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (NT p. 203)

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Matthew 22:34-46 (NT p. 25)

ANTHEM

SERMON

Vanity, Vanity, All Is Vanity

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN SNC #213

Psalm 90: God Everlasting

ST. MAGNUS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

from the Second Helvetic Confession

All things in heaven and on earth, and in all creatures, are preserved and governed by the providence of this wise, eternal and almighty God. For David testifies and says: "The Lord is high above all nations, and God's glory is above the heavens!" Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?" Again: "Thou searchest out...all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether." Paul also testifies and declares: "In God we live and move and have our being" and "from God and through God and to God are all things." There Augustine most truly and according to Scripture declared..."The Lord said, 'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without God's will?'" By speaking thus, he wanted to show that what men and women regard as of least value is governed by God's omnipotence. For Christ says that the birds of the air are fed by God and the lilies of the field are clothed by God; he also says the hairs of our head are numbered. For love so amazing, so divine, we give our thanks and praise. Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 116 Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

A. Because it is the chief part of the gratitude which God requires of us, and because God's grace and the Holy Spirit will be given only to those who sincerely beseech God in prayer without ceasing and to those who are thankful for these gifts.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 #210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*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.

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