

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.

All Saints' Sunday - Today, we give thanks to God for the life and legacy of those who have preceded us in the faith while recognizing that we will join them in death and life beyond death. The liturgy for this service is based on readings for yesterday, which was, All Saints' Day, and today, which is designated as the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Call to Worship and Affirmation of Faith are appointed texts for All Saints' Day. The First and Second Readings are appointed for today. During the Great Thanksgiving, we, as a community of faith, will remember those who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year. Thanks to all who have submitted names of persons to be remembered. May God be glorified through our worship, and may you be comforted in your grief.

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind - A ribbon-cutting and community reception for the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind's new location on 2412 Skyland Boulevard will take place this Wednesday, November 5, 3-5 p.m. with a special program starting at 3:30 p.m. Among those in participating in the program will be Sen. Richard Shelby and Rep. Artur Davis.

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 third session, "More and More Light: Civil Rights and Social Justice," will take place this 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.

Reign of Christ/Festival of the Earth - UPC's tradition of celebrating the gifts of the earth will continue this fall, as the Festival of the Earth coincides with Reign of Christ, or Christ the King, Sunday. Please come to Sunday school prepared to work outside and then gather at the front of sanctuary. At the beginning of the service, the congregation will process with gifts of the earth that we have brought to share. After worship, there will be a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall. Please bring enough food to share.

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsely - The next meeting of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsely is set for Thursday, November 20, at Gardendale Presbyterian Church. At that meeting, General Assembly's recommendations regarding ordination standards will be discussed. Formal presentations on the floor of presbytery will be followed by small group discussion of the subject. Presbytery will not vote until February, and visitors (that is, non-commissioners) will have a "voice" in the small group discussions. If you would like to participate in this discussion, please contact Ron Gilmer.

November Organ Recital Series - Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham invites the public to its November Organ Recital Series. An All Saints' Service of Choral Evensong is scheduled for this afternoon. Laszlo Fassan (Nov 9), Nathan Laube (Nov 16) and Lynne Davis (Nov 23) will be featured next in the series. All recitals and services begin at 4 p.m.

Advent Services of Evening Prayer - A series of Services of Evening Prayer are being scheduled during Advent, which begins Sunday, November 30. The thought is that the church would gather in members' homes for brief Services of Evening Prayer that would be followed by food (light refreshments) and fellowship. If you are willing to host such a gathering, please contact Ron Gilmer.

Adult Sunday School Schedule— 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

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, October 26 –41

Sunday Assignments

November 2

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

November 9

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Steve Borrelli
Ushers Kay Ellis and Mary Helen Martin
Welcomer Julia Hartman
Greeter Tory Ryan

Lectionary Readings

November 2

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

November 9

Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25
Ps. 78:1-7
1 Thess. 4:13-18
Matt. 25:1-13

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
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

6:30 Peace & Justice Meeting
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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*"University Presbyterian Church is a More Light Congregation,
an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice"*

November 2, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Meditation on "Amazing Grace"* Swann

CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*HYMN PH #526 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE
(Please substitute the language of "God" and "God's Son" for "Father, Son" in the fourth verse.)

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

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 Joshua 3:7-17 (OT p. 195)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (NT p. 203)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sine Nomine

Ralph V. Williams

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might,
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight,
Thou in the darkness drest their one true Light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to God, God's Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON *Witnesses to the Resurrection* Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #522 *Lord, When I Came Into This Life* FINEST WHEAT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) 1 John 3:1-3

See what love God has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when it is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we will see God as God is. And all who have this hope purify themselves, just as God is pure. For this purity, we are grateful. Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING *How Good, Lord, to Be Here* Sedio

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 SNC #195 *For All The Saints Who Showed Your Love* OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 *A Mighty Fortress* Ore