

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.

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 series will conclude with a discussion of "Belonging to God in the Church and the World: The Church's Witness and Mission" this 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.

Officer Training - A series of workshops for all officers of the church will meet throughout the month of December. The series, led by Ron Gilmer, will consist of three one-and-a-half hour sessions, December 1, 8 and 15, 5:30-7 p.m. All who will be serving as active elders or deacons in 2009 are encouraged to participate. Anybody else with an interest in Presbyterian polity is welcomed to join the group.

Adult Sunday School Schedule— 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 - November 2 —34 , October 26—41

Sunday Assignments

November 9

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

November 16

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Beth Riggs
Ushers The Biermans
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Ann Webb

Lectionary Readings

November 9

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

November 16

Judg. 4:1-7
Ps. 123
1 Thess. 5:1-11
Matt. 25:14-30

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

Wednesday 6:30 Peace & Justice Meeting
7-9 Karate Class

Thursday 5:00 Friends of the Arboretum
5:30 Belonging to God
7-9 Karate Class

Monday 11:00 Staff Meeting
6-8:00 WF Bible Study and
Dinner

Friday 11:30 Library Committee mtg.
2-6:00 WF Friday Chaos in the
student center
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
6:00 Finance Comm. mtg.
7:00 WF Men's Bible Study
7:30 PH Group meeting in
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.

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*"University Presbyterian Church is a More Light Congregation,
an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice"*

November 9, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY Lord, You Give the Great Commission Burkhardt

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 us, we will not hide from their children.

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

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN PH #122 Thine Is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Sovereign God, God of all nations, you created us for your pleasure, and yet too often we pursue selfish pleasures rather than your will for our lives. To love you is to love ourselves. We confess that we fall short of your glory. We light our paths with other oils. Forgive us, we pray, so that we may rejoice in your mercy and dwell in your peace, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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 Joshua 24:1-3A, 14-25 (OT p. 215)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 25:1-13 (NT p. 28)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Spirit of Mercy Richard Shepahard

SERMON On Lamps and Oil Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #15 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers LLANGLOFFAN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring those who have died. We declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Almighty, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Let us encourage one another with these words. Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING Prelude on "Rockingham" Haan

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 #17 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us WACHET AUF

*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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