

## 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](mailto:rongilmer@aol.com)) or visit the church's web site: [www.uaupc.org](http://www.uaupc.org).

**Westminster Fellowship** - Today, UPC is pleased to welcome Westminster Fellowship students and leaders, and we give thanks that much of this morning's service will be student-led. First Presbyterian Church's Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry James Goodlet will preside at the Lord's table, and college committee members Jacqueline Morgan and Doug Ray will update us on plans for the Winter Valley Student Center.

**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.

**All Creatures of Our God and King** - Next Sunday, November 23, is Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. At UPC, we also will be celebrating the Festival of the Earth. Please come prepared to work outside at 9:30 a.m. and then gather at the main entrance to the sanctuary at 11 a.m. When God gathers us to worship, you are encouraged to have a "gift of the earth" in hand to present as an offering during the service. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following worship. Please bring food to share.

**Student Dinners**—On Monday night November 17 we are cooking for the students. We would like to do a meal on the Thanksgiving dinner model we did last year. Nancy DuPree will provide the meat. We would like to invite anyone who has not had a chance to participate in the meals this year to bring a covered dish—vegetable, casserole, salad—or bread (the students always eat lots of bread). Just a regular covered dish—you don't have to feed everybody. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board next Sunday, or you can let Nancy know what you are planning to bring. Just drop it off at the church Sunday or Monday; or we'd love to have you eat with us if possible.

**Parking**—Please be aware that the vacant lot between the church and the stadium is now official University parking. It is a C zone lot, for student parking. If you don't have a C hangtag and you park there from 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. on class days you MAY RECEIVE A TICKET. Park in the lot behind the church or in the street side parking spaces.

**Capstone Alliance Meeting**—The next meeting of the Capstone Alliance will be on Thursday, November 20, at 5PM in room 300 of the Ferguson Student Center on the UA campus. Capstone Alliance is the organization at UA for LGBTQ faculty, staff, and allies. The mission of Capstone Alliance is to advocate for a campus that is safe, inclusive, and supportive with regard to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, (LGBTQ) and Allied faculty, staff, and students. Community members are welcome. For more information, see <http://bama.ua.edu/~calliance>.

**Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley** - Presbytery meets this Thursday, November 20, at Gardendale Presbyterian Church. Lena Prewitt will serve as our commissioner. Small group discussion of proposed changes to the PC(USA)'s ordination standards will take place, and all who gather will have a "voice" in this discussion. If you are interested in participating in this meeting, please contact Ron Gilmer.

**Independent Presbyterian Church Organ Recital Series** - IPC's November Organ Recital Series continues this Sunday and next. Nathan Laube will be featured organist this afternoon, and Lynne Davis is scheduled to perform next Sunday. Both recitals begin at 4 p.m.

**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. 23 - Landscaping Around the Church - Buildings & Grounds Nov. 30 - No Sunday School

**Advent Services of Evening Prayer** - The church will gather in members' home throughout Advent for Services of Evening Prayer. Services will begin at 5:30. Light refreshments will be served. Meet at the church at 5 p.m. if you would like to travel together to the gatherings. The schedule of services follows: November 30, Chet and Suzanne Alexander; December 7, Service of Lessons and Carols at the church; December 14, Gillie Presley; and December 21, Adam and Paige Miller.

**Attendance** - November 2—34, November 9—33 + 2 nursery

**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.

## Sunday Assignments

### November 16

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

### November 23

Communion Paige Miller  
Reader John Whitehead  
Ushers Cathy Andreen and Rob Spencer  
Welcomer Adam Miller  
Greeter Nancy DuPree and

## Lectionary Readings

### November 16

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

### November 23

Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24  
Ps. 100  
Eph. 1:15-23  
Matt. 25:31-46

### November Birthdays

Nov. 5—Ruthie Sherrill, Nov. 6—Chet Alexander, Larry Goldman, Nov. 9—Rob Spencer, Nov. 18—Erica Durham, Nov. 19—Karin Andreen, Nov. 20—Robert Cargo.

*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  
5:00 Session Meeting  
**Monday** 11:00 Staff Meeting  
6-8:00 WF Bible Study and Dinner

**Tuesday** 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study  
7:00 WF Men's Bible Study  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

### 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”*

**November 16, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.**  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Fairest Lord Jesus* Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Shout aloud and sing for joy.  
For great in our midst is the Holy One.

\*HYMN PH #443 *O Christ, the Great Foundation* AURELIA

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON) from *Belonging to God*  
God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways, 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, gloria in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

LITANY OF PRAISE from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*  
We call on the power of God to meet us in our helplessness:  
**God in our thinking, God in our speaking.**  
We call on the clarity of God to meet us in our confusion:  
**God in our acting, God in our stillness.**  
We call on the mercy of God to meet us in our brokenness:  
**God in our waking, God in our sleeping.**  
We call on the Spirit of God to meet us in our division:  
**God in our meeting, God in our parting**

ANTHEM "Abba, Abba, Hear Us," We Cry Korean Traditional  
(See text of Hymn SNC #211)

SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS

1 Corinthians 12:24b-26 (NT p. 174) Barrett Abernethy

Isaiah:40:30-21 (OT p. 668) Cathie Price

Romans 12:9-13 (NT p. 162) Meagan Allred

\*HYMN PH #272 *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) from A Brief Statement of Faith  
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called, Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake a nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING *What Wondrous Love Is This* 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 #302 *I Danced in the Morning* SIMPLE GIFTS

\*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 *Jubilate* Jordan