

## News and Information

**Welcome** Welcome to University Presbyterian Church, a PC(USA) congregation that has been pursuing social justice since 1966. You are invited to sign the guest register at the back of the church if you are worshiping here for the first time. Members are encouraged to wear the name tags provided. Please join us for coffee in the fellowship hall following the service. For more information on the life and work of this congregation, please contact Ron Gilmer.

**Reign of Christ/Festival of the Earth** - Liturgical Year A concludes this morning with the church's celebration of Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday. Here at UPC, we continue the tradition of celebrating Festival of the Earth. Please gather outside of the front doors for the Greeting and Announcements and Call to Worship. During the singing of the first hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King*, we will enter the sanctuary together, present a "gift of the earth" as a living and holy sacrifice and then continue with the service inside. Following the service, lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. Thanks to all who contributed a covered dish.

**Independent Presbyterian Church Organ Recital Series** - IPC's November Organ Recital Series continues this Sunday. Lynne Davis will be featured organist this afternoon. The recital begins at 4 p.m.

**Staff News** - Ron and Lydia Gilmer will be in Spartanburg, SC, Tuesday, November 25, through Saturday, November 29. Please do not hesitate to contact Ron via cell phone: (205) 310-6873.

**Adult Sunday School Schedule**— Nov. 30 - No Sunday School, Dec. 7 - That day is certainly at hand: An Introduction - John Whitehead, Dec. 14 - Hanukkah 101 - Josh Salzman, Dec. 21 - Review of Children's Sunday School - Lydia Gilmer & Kai Miller, Dec. 28 - No Sunday School

**Moravian Love Feast** - The church will be gathering at 5:30 p.m. every Sunday during Advent. The first gathering will be Sunday, November 30, at the home of Suzanne and Chet Alexander. The brief service will be a Moravian Love Feast, which features hot chocolate and cinnamon rolls. Please meet at the church at 5 p.m. if you would like to carpool.

**World AIDS Day**—World AIDS Day will be celebrated by West Alabama AIDS Outreach on Monday, December 1 @ 5:30pm @ University Church of Christ in Tuscaloosa, AL. They will have some incredible speakers who will be describing how HIV has personally affected their lives. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**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.

**Service of Evening Prayers** - On Sunday, December 7, 5:30 p.m., the church will gather at Gillie Presley's for a Service of Evening Prayer. This series of Advent services will conclude with the gathering at the home of Paige and Adam Miller on Sunday, December 21, 5:30 p.m.

**Lessons and Carols** - UPC's annual Service of Lessons and Carols has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 14, 5:30 p.m.

**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.

**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 , November 9—33 + 2 nursery

## Sunday Assignments

### November 23

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

### November 30

Communion Mary Helen Martin  
Reader Julia Hartman  
Ushers Pat Dunbar and  
Annabel Stephens  
Welcomer Steve Borrelli  
Greeter Cathy Andreen

## Lectionary Readings

### November 23

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

### November 30

Isa. 64:1-9  
Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19  
Cor. 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

*Let us Pray.....*

Michael Yampolsky, 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 Meeting

**Monday** 11:00 Staff Meeting

**Tuesday** 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study

1:30-3:30 Food Pantry  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday** Happy Thanksgiving

**Friday** 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 23, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.**  
Christ the King/Reign of Christ  
Festival of the Earth

## THE GATHERING

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1, 2

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**  
Sing and give praise to God's name.  
**Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

\*HYMN PH #455 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
(Please sing the first four verses.)

#### CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the command of our Lord 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!

#### A PRAYER FOR GOD'S CREATIONS

Chet Alexander

Our high standard of living comes from energy resources from the earth.  
**O Lord, make us aware.**  
With only 4.5% of the earth population we, in the US, use 25 % of the earth's energy resources.  
**O Lord, make us aware.**  
In the next 20 years the use of energy in the US is expected to grow about 20% and about 70% globally.  
**O Lord, make us aware.**  
Less than 2 percent of our present energy use comes from renewable sources.  
**O Lord, make us aware.**  
The use of fossil fuels for energy produces about twice the amount of carbon dioxide that can be absorbed by natural processes.  
**O Lord, make us aware.**  
Atmospheric Carbon dioxide contributes to [global warming](#), causing major adverse [effects](#), including reduced [biodiversity](#).  
**O Lord, make us aware.**  
Driving a typical car one mile produces about 1.25 pounds of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.  
**O Lord, make us aware.**  
The demand for bio-diesel fuel drives the cost of cooking oil up to the point where it becomes unaffordable in developing countries.  
**O Lord, make us aware.**  
Our cars now run using ethanol produced from food that humans need.

**O Lord, make us aware.**

Our politicians have most of this information, but have done little to address these energy and environmental issues.

**O Lord, make us aware, and give them courage.**

## THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (OT p. 803)

#### SECOND READING

Matthew 25:31-46 (NT p. 28)

#### ANTHEM

*How Good to Thank Our God*

John Ferguson

How good to thank our God and speak our Savior's name,  
With flute and trumpet, heart and voice, God's wonders to acclaim:  
Sing praises, sing praises, with psalms and hymns and songs!  
Yet streams of praise go foul, or run into the sand, if justice cannot run its course  
and water all the land: Do justice with kindness, and sing our Savior's song!  
Yet Christ has shown the way of love and praise combined, and treads the path of  
peace on earth with justice intertwined:  
Sing praises, sing praises, with psalms and hymns and songs!  
Our praises cannot wait till word and deed are done. The spirit fills us through and  
through with all that God has done:  
Sing praises, sing praises, with psalms and hymns and songs!  
Then let us walk in love; by love our faith is shown. Unloving, we are far from  
God. In loving, God is known:  
Through justice, with kindness we'll sing our Savior's song!

#### SERMON

*To Whom It May Concern*

Ron Gilmer

#### \*HYMN SNC #220

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

#### \*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

Lord, in your mercy...  
**Hear our prayer.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE EUCHARIST

#### OFFERING

*Prelude on Two Traditional Tunes*

Bristol

#### 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 #555

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

#### \*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

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Held