

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 worshipping here for the first time. Members are encouraged to wear name tags, which are available in the work room. 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.

Finance Committee - The Finance committee requests that you complete a 2009 Pledge Form available at the back of the church or at uaupc.org.

Lectionary Study Group - The reading for January 27th will be Mark 1:21-28.

Deacon's Lunch - An old favorite is being revived! Please join us for a Deacon's Lunch immediately following worship on Jan. 25, 2009. Food and drinks will be provided by the deacons.

Healthy Relationship Series - Mastering the Magic of Love begins on Tues., Jan. 27 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the UPC library. Any adult in a committed relationship is welcome to attend. Contact Paige Miller for more information.

Souper Bowl of Caring - The Souper Bowl of Caring is a nation-wide effort to relieve hunger and heighten awareness of poverty in the world. The event coincides with the National Football League's Super Bowl, hence the name. Lydia Gilmer and Kai Miller will be collecting monetary donations before worship on Sun., Feb. 1, 2009. The Session has designated this offering to go to the Deacons' Food Pantry.

Adult Sunday School - Jan. 25 - Community Soup Bowl - Amy Grinstead

Communion of the People - The congregation is invited to gather around the Lord's Table during the observance of the Lord's Supper. As you serve the person beside you, it is appropriate to say, "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven...the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." An appropriate response to which is, "Amen." Gathered around the table, we will sing: (1) "He came down that we may have light, he came down that we may have light, he came down that we may have light. Hallelujah forevermore." (SNC 92); (2) "In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices the Lord is near. (SNC 220); (3) "Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon teadora! Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor. Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say to you; you are holy Lord" (SNC 19).

Attendance - January 11 - 43 + 2 nursery, January 18 - 40 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

January 25

Communion Paige Miller
Reader John Whitehead
Ushers The DuPrees
Welcomer Carla Hall
Greeter Becki Evans

February 1

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Suzanne Alexander
Ushers Steve Borrelli and Norm Baldwin
Welcomer Paige Miller
Greeter Mary Helen Martin

Lectionary Readings

January 25

Jon. 3:1-5, 10
Ps. 62:5-12
1 Cor. 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

February 1

Deut. 18:15-20
Ps. 111
1 Cor. 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Let us Pray....

Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky, James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, Barbara Miller, Jill Martin-dale, 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
10:30 Choir warm-up
11:00 Worship
12:00 Deacon's Lunch

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
5-6:30 Choir practice
5:30-7:30 Healthy Relationships
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Monday 11:00 Staff Meeting

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Elders

Steve Borrelli
Nancy DuPree
Linda Grote
Julia Hartman
Gillie Presley
Lena Prewitt

Robert Spencer
Annabel Stephens
Garry Warren
Ann Webb
John Whitehead

Deacons

Robert DuPree
Carla Hall
Paige Miller
Torry Ryan

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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William Henderson, Director of Music
Patrick Rish, Organist

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

January 25, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before God, who is our refuge.

*HYMN PH #302 *I Danced in the Morning* SIMPLE GIFTS

CONFESSION OF SIN

We praise you, because we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and yet we confess our fear. We feel threatened by critics, even as we criticize others. We put up defenses when you call us to be open. We confuse our work with yours, and is so doing, strive to recreate the world in our image. Hear us as we pour out our hearts to you. Grant us your grace, forgiveness and eagerness to embrace that which we do not understand; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

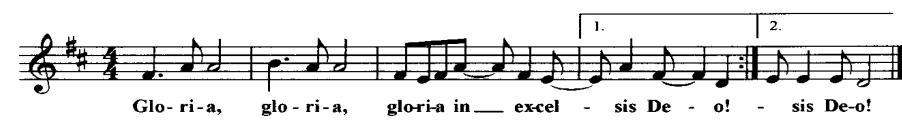
KYRIE arr. Healey Willan, 1930



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

GLORIA Thomas Keesecker



THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (OT p. 860)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 1:14-20 (NT p. 35)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry* African-American Spiritual

SERMON *Which Comes First: Belief or Repentance?* Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #377 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Matthew 7:7; Luke 11:9

Jesus said: Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. God abounds in love and mercy and welcomes our return, for in Christ, God came to us that we might have abundant life. Alleluia! Amen.

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 *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Gehring

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

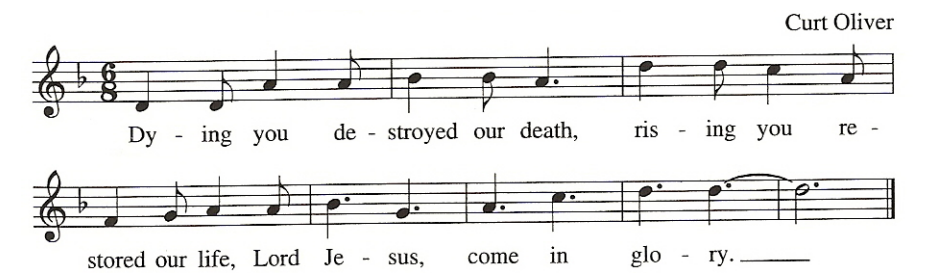
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



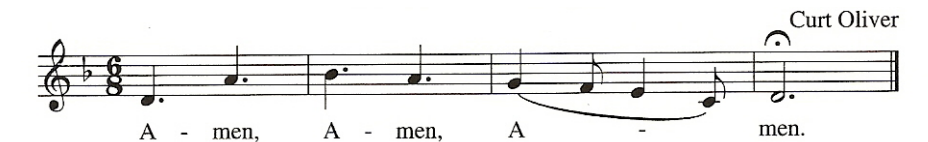
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



LORD'S PRAYER

Please begin, "Our Mother and Father God, who art in heaven..."

BREAKING OF THE BREAD



COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

As the congregation gathers at the Table to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, all are invited to sing the songs whose words are provided among the announcements.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please sing "Amen," PH #587, as you return to the pew.

SENDING

*HYMN PH #333 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

You are encouraged to sing "its" instead of "His" when referring to the righteousness of God's kingdom.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Ceremonial March

Williams