

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Alleluia, Song of Gladness* Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 30:1-5

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored my health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the Lord, you faithful servants; give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness.

For God's wrath lasts but the twinkling of an eye, God's favor endures for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

*HYMN PH #281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving God, glorious in giving and restoring life, do not hide your face from your people overcome with loneliness and fear. Forgive our doubt and self-doubt, our lack of trust in you. Turn our weeping into dancing, our despair into joy, and raise us up with Christ, that we may rejoice in your presence forever. Amen.

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:1-14 (OT p. 336)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 1:40-45 (NT p. 35)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord* Felix Mendelssohn

SERMON *Lepers, Health Care and the State of Alabama* Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #554 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

AFFIRMATION 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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken-hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. To God be the glory. 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 *Meditation on 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul'* Fedak

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

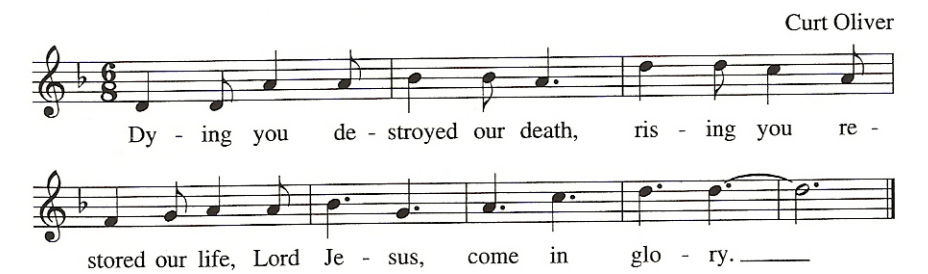
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 #387 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

*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 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* Burkhardt

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.

Lectionary Study Group – The reading for February 17th will be Mark 9:2-9.

Healthy Relationship Series - The healthy relationship series continues on Tues., Feb. 17 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the UPC library. This workshop focuses on communication skills that can be used in a romantic relationship, friendship, professional relationship, etc. Contact Paige Miller for more information.

Adult Sunday School -Our Stories: An Oral History of UPC- A series of interviews will begin next Sunday, February 15, during Sunday school that will help to preserve the history of this church. Next Sunday, Ron Gilmer will interview Lena Prewitt. Then he will speak with Grace Millender (February 22) and Margie Harris (March 1).

2nd Annual Empty Bowls Event - UPC is excited to be hosting our second annual Empty Bowls event on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. AND from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the church! In cooperation with UA's Hunger and Homelessness Week and the UA Ceramics department, UPC will offer participants a hand-made clay bowl and a meal of soup and bread. Tickets to the event are a minimum \$10 donation and will be available in advance from UPC members and at the door. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Ann Webb or a Deacon. For more information, visit www.uaupc.org.

Ronald R. Robel Support Fund Established – Family and friends of the late Dr. Ron Robel recently funded the Ronald R. Robel Support Fund in the Department of History in memory of the history professor emeritus who served on the College's faculty for 41 years before his death in August 2007.

Peace, Propaganda, and Promise Land - Please join the UA Muslim Student Association (MSA) and the Tuscaloosa chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Thursday, February 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ferguson Center Theater at the University of Alabama to watch Peace, Propaganda, and the Promise Land. This film is a documentary that "carefully analyzes and explains how--through the use of language, framing and context--the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza remains hidden in the news media, and Israeli colonization of the occupied territories appears to be a defensive move rather than an offensive one." Discussion and Q & A to follow.

Volunteers Needed for CHEER UP – CHEER UP needs people who are willing to come to a short training session, to be held in the very near future at the Bryant Conference Center, and will be led by Vince Bellofatto. He will cover the basic background of CHEER UP and offer simple steps that a volunteer can follow to assist people who need information on a variety of support services. Again, the platform for the information will be the United Way's 211 database. The goal is to inform the entire community about 211 and catch the spirit of how to utilize information to help those in our community who have recently lost their income source, faced reduction in hours, reduction in pay, or other catastrophic economic hardships. We hope to pilot five to six sites where these volunteers can spend some quality time with people needing information on support services in our community.

Thank you Grace Millender– Grace is retiring from her volunteer work at the Deacon's Food Pantry. March 10th will be her last day. She has been working since the age of 7 when she worked in the fields with her father. Thank you for all of your years of service.

Covered Dish Dinner - The UPC Deacons are planning a joint covered dish dinner with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation to raise awareness about hunger issues in Tuscaloosa. The basic idea is that everyone would bring a covered dish to share for dinner as well as a canned good to be donated to the food pantry. This event will hopefully be held in April. Details coming soon!

Memorials - Memorials in memory of *Arlee Vallery* by Lois Field, George Harris and Paula McLendon.

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 - February 1- 38 + 2 nursery, February 8 - 46 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

February 15

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Mary Meares
Ushers Ann Webb and Kendall French
Reader John Whitehead
Greeter Ann Webb

February 22

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Norm Baldwin
Ushers Rob Spencer and Cathy Andreen
Adam Miller
Welcomer Nancy DuPree and Gillie Presley
Greeters

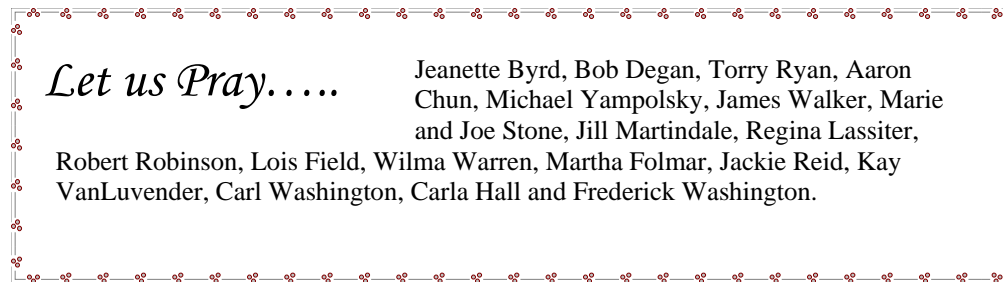
Lectionary Readings

February 15

2 Kings 5:1-14
Ps. 30
1 Cor. 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

February 22

2 Kings 2:1-12
Ps. 50:1-6
2 Cor. 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9



This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Coffee Hour
10:30 Choir warm-up
11:00 Worship
12:00 Session Meeting

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

Monday 11:00 Staff Meeting

Wed. 11-2 Food Pantry Set-up

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Elders

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

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

February 15, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
6th Sunday after Epiphany