

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Charles Ore

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 John 3:2  
Beloved, we are God's children now;  
What we will be has not yet been revealed.  
What we do know is this:  
When he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

\*HYMN PH #263 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

CONFESSION OF SIN from *The Book of Common Worship*  
God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow the way of your beloved Son, 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 2 Kings 2:1-12 (OT p. 332)  
The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 9:2-9 (NT p. 44)  
The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Transfiguration* Joel Martinson

SERMON *Rushmore* Ron Gilmer

\*HYMN PH #462 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 50:1-6  
The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory. Our God will come and will not keep silence; before God there is a consuming flame, and round about a raging storm. God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness to the judgment of the chosen people. "Gather before my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice." Let the heavens declare the rightness of God's cause; for it is God who is judge.

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

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

Curt Oliver

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Curt Oliver

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -  
stored our life, Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

LORD'S PRAYER  
*Please begin, "Our Mother and Father God, who art in heaven..."*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Curt Oliver

A - men, A - men, A - men.

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 #75 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* DEO GRACIAS

\*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 *Postludio* Fredrik Sixten

## 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 24th will be Mark 1:9-12.

**Ash Wednesday** - The Lenten journey begins on Wednesday, February 25, with worship at 5:30 p.m. Ashes will be imposed, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

**Healthy Relationship Series** - The healthy relationship series continues on Tues., Feb. 24 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 continue this Sunday, February 22 with Ron Gilmer interviewing Grace Millender. Next Sunday, he will speak with Margie Harris (March 1).

**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.

**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.

**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!

**Partlow Development Center** - Partlow Development Center is requesting assistance with their Sunday afternoon programs for people living at their facility who have mental retardation. This may be in the way of choirs, soloists, instrumentalists, dance groups or any number of ways. If you are interested, contact Harriet Shamblin at 554-4111.

**Memorials** - Memorials in memory of *Arlie Vallery* by Margaret Balentine and Annabel Stephens and Pat Dunbar

**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 Señor. 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 22

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

### March 1

Communion Rob Spencer  
Reader Annabel Stephens  
Ushers Lydia Gilmer and  
Becca Bierman  
Welcomer Steve Borrelli  
Greeter Torry Ryan

## Lectionary Readings

### February 22

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

### March 1

Gen. 9:8-17  
Ps. 22:23-31  
Rom. 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

## Let us Pray.....

Jeanette Byrd, Bob Degan, Torry Ryan, Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky, James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, Jill Martindale, Regina Lassiter,

Robert Robinson, Lois Field, Wilma Warren, Martha Folmar, Jackie Reid, Kay VanLuvender, Carl Washington, 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

**Tuesday** 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study

1:30-3:30 Food Pantry  
5:15-6:30 Choir practice  
5:30 Healthy Relationship Series  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**Monday** 11:00 Staff Meeting  
11:30 Finance Comm. Mtg.

**Wed.** 11-2 Food Pantry Set-up  
**Thurs.** 6:30 GBLT Mtg.  
**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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William Henderson, Director of Music  
Patrick Rish, Organist

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

February 22, 2009– 11:00 a.m.  
Transfiguration of the Lord