

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 March 3rd will be Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 and Romans 4:13-25.

Healthy Relationship Series - The healthy relationship series continues on Tues., March 3rd 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.

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.

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 be held in May. 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.

In Sympathy—Our sympathy is extended to Linda Grote following the death of her relative Martha Folmar; and to Patrick Rish following the death of his aunt.

Memorials - Memorials in memory of *Arlee 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."

Happy Birthday! - March 2-Rick Shelton, March 4-Torry Ryan, March 5-Christopher Uptain and Lydia Gilmer, March 7-Russell Sherrill, March 21-Sandy Winter, March 22-Paula Traylor, March 23-Fredrick Washington, March 29-Sandy Riseman, March 29-Nancy Hutton.

Attendance - February 13- 47 + 2 nursery, February 22 - 37 + 1 nursery

Sunday Assignments

March 1

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Annabel Stephens
Ushers Lydia Gilmer and
Becca Bierman

Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeter Torry Ryan

March 8

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Denise Yanaura
Ushers Torry Ryan and
John Whitehead

Welcomer Paige Miller
Greeter Denise Yanaura

Lectionary Readings

March 1

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

March 8

Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16
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, 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

Wed. 11-2 Food Pantry Set-up
5:00 Deacon's Meeting

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Elders

Steve Borrelli Robert Spencer
Nancy DuPree Garry Warren
Linda Grote Ann Webb
Julia Hartman John Whitehead
Gillie Presley
Lena Prewitt

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 25, 2009– 5:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUCNEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Glory of these Forty Days* Dietrich Buxtehude

SILENT MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100:1, 2, 5
Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!
For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

PRAYER
Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness, and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for your mercy; in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

HYMN PH #87 *The Glory of These Forty Days* ERHALT UNS, HERR

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Beth Riggs

FIRST READING Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (OT p. 846)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 (NT p. 181)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HOMILY *Nothing in Vain*

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

PSALM OF PENITENCE Psalm 51:10-12, 14
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES
Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of our Savior,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

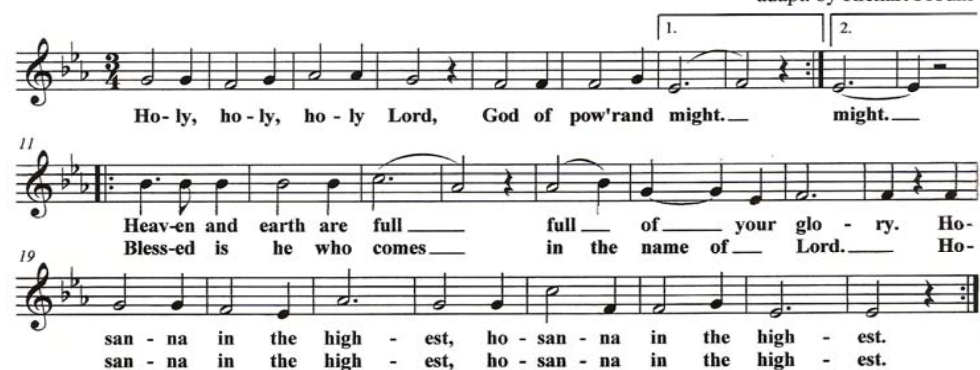
HYMN PH #93 *Ah, Holy Jesus* HERZLIEBSTER JESU

THE EUCHARIST

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 Franz SCHUBERT adapt. by Richart Proulx

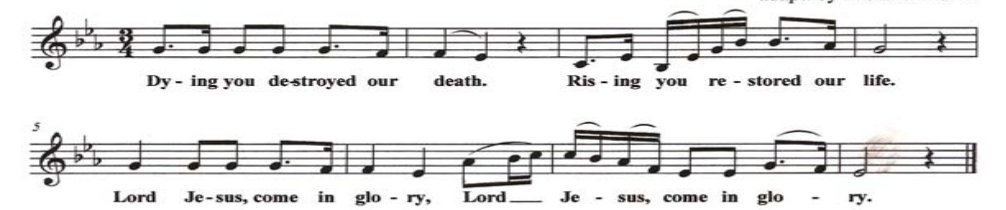


Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of Lord. Ho-

san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION Franz SCHUBERT adapt. by Richard Proulx




Dy-ing you destroyed our death. Ris-ing you re-stored our life.

Lord Je-sus, come in glo-ry, Lord Je-sus, come in glo-ry.

LORD'S PRAYER
The prayer begins, "Our Mother and Father God..."

AMEN Franz SCHUBERT adapt. by Richard Proulx



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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sin,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

HYMN PH #84 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* RATHBUN

CHARGE AND BLESSING
The Lord bless and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

POSTLUDE *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* David Maxwell