

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.

CROP Walk - Today, we welcome Meagan Allred of Westminster Fellowship. During the Greeting and Announcements, she will provide information about student participation in the upcoming CROP Walk. Thanks to Meagan for being here. We look forward to Westminster Fellowship student-led worship here at UPC on Sunday, March 29.

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.

Session - The session's stated meeting for this month will be Sunday, March 15, immediately after worship.

Bethel Presbyterian Church - Stillman College professor Mark McCormick will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) at Bethel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 22, 4 p.m. This is an act of presbytery. Thus, all of us are invited to participate. Mark will be serving as Bethel's Stated Supply Pastor.

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.

Congratulations— Congratulations to Jeanette Byrd on the birth of twin daughters Lydia and Julia.

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

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

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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

March 1, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday in Lent

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen* Walcha

CALL TO WORSHIP

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love.

*HYMN PH #259 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, our God, by your will, you create and sustain us. You call us to love that which you created, and yet we abuse and neglect the gifts of the earth. We seek the approval of our neighbors rather than loving them as Christ commanded. We frustrate ourselves by withholding love and self-love, emptying hearts that you desire to fill. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us for your glory and your name's sake.

KYRIE *arr. Healey Willan, 1930*



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

CHORAL RESPONSE SNC #143 *Jesus, Remember Me*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Annabel Stephens

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Genesis 9:8-17 (OT p. 7)

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 3:18-22 (NT p. 234)

ANTHEM *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* arr. Richard Shephard
English folksong – *The Turtle Dove*

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay....

As thou did hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self and chiefly live by thy most holy word....

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide....

SERMON *On Suffering and Patience* Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #85 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God. 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 Hamburg* Callahan

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.

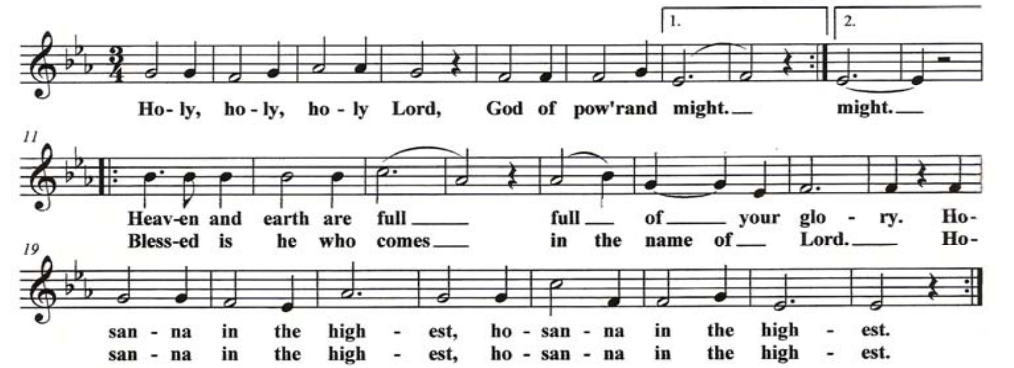
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise....

SANCTUS

Franz SCHUBERT
adapt. by Richard Proulx



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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LORD'S PRAYER

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

AMEN

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

In giving the bread, it is appropriate to say, "the body of Christ broken for you." In sharing the cup, it is appropriate to say, "the blood of Christ shed for you."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

SENDING

*HYMN SNC #135 *Friends in Faith* RESTORATION

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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.

Amen.

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D Minor* Pachelbel