

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 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.

Greeting and Announcements—All are welcomed and encouraged to make announcements of interest to the congregation when invited to do so. The session suggests that such announcements be brief as possible and encourages you to submit announcements in writing to the church office so that they may be included in the weekly newsletter.

Service of Witness to the Resurrection -Ashes we are; to ashes we will return. This is the note on which Lent begins, and yet in Jesus Christ, we give thanks for the hope of resurrection. In the Reformed tradition, a funeral is a Service of Witness to the Resurrection, and this Lent, you are being given an opportunity to plan yours. Materials are available on the table inside the front door of the sanctuary. Please return them in a sealed envelope with your name on the front to the church office; and please do not hesitate to contact Ron Gilmer with questions that you have regarding the service.

Lectionary Study Group— The reading for March 24th will be John 12:20-33.

House Bill 116—Alabama Arise is calling on its members to contact their state representatives about its grocery tax bill. House Bill 116, sponsored by Rep. John Knight, is scheduled for House floor debate on Tuesday, March 24. The bill would lower the grocery tax by 4 percent and cap the state deduction for federal income tax at high incomes, and would neither increase nor decrease funding for education. You can send an e-mail to your representative when visiting www.capwiz.com/alarise/home.

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 this afternoon at 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.

Keever-Harris Award—Next Sunday, March 29, worship will be led by Westminster Fellowship students. During the service, the Keever Harris Award will given to deserving students. This honor is named for Robert Keever, who served as UPC's first pastor, and Tennessee and Margie Harris, who were/are charter members of the church.

LUNAFEST- LUNAFEST the only national touring festival of films by, for, and about women, will take place in Tuscaloosa for the third time on Tuesday March 31, at 6:30 p.m., at the historic Bama Theatre (600 Greensboro Ave). LUNAFEST provides a national platform for emerging women filmmakers to share their stories and will serve as UA's culminating event for Women's History Month. At 6:30 p.m. a special silent auction fundraiser and reception will precede the film viewing. Numerous local bakeries will provide desserts at the reception, and the film viewing will begin at 7:00 p.m. The event is being held as a benefit for the Breast Cancer Fund, the Leading Edge Institute and the Women's Resource Center. Price of admission is \$12 for students, \$18 for UA faculty/staff, and \$22 for the general public. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, please call the Women's Resource Center at 205-348-5040 or go to <http://www.lunafest.org/> or wrc.ua.edu.

Gameday Parking—UPC will be administering parking on game days this fall. All of the regulars have been contacted about renewing their commitment to park at the church, and soon those on the waiting list will be contacted regarding the availability of spaces. Church members are being given priority this season. Each space is \$300 for the season (and this includes A Day). You may reserve your space by contacting Adam Miller by March 30.

A-Day—Alabama's football team's spring scrimmage is set for Saturday, April 18. If you have any interest in helping with parking this fall, please stop by before, during or immediately after the game. If you plan to go to the game, spaces are available and may be purchased by contacting Adam Miller.

Indoor Yard Sale—Please mark your calendars for the weekends of April 24-25 and May 1-2. The church will be having an indoor "yard" sale to support the work of the Diaconate and the congregation's Peace and Justice Committee. You may help by donating items to the sale, and being here during the event. A sign-up sheet will be posted at a later date. For more information, contact Pat Dunbar.

Attendance - March 8- 36 + 2 nursery, March 15 - 35 + 1 nursery

Sunday Assignments

March 22

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Beth Riggs
Ushers Denise Yanaura and
Ruthie Sherrill

Welcomer Julia Hartman
Greeter Becki Evans

March 29

Communion Mary Helen Martin
Reader Beccy Bierman
Ushers Pat Dunbar and
Annabel Stephens

Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Lydia Gilmer

Lectionary Readings

March 22

Num. 21:4-9
Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22
Eph. 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 29

Jer. 31:31-34
Ps. 51:1-12 or Ps. 119:9-16
Heb. 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Let us Pray.....

Linda Grote, Jeanette Byrd, 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 10:15 Coffee Hour
10:30 Choir Warm-up
11:00 Worship

Monday 11:00 Staff Meeting

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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Patrick Rish, Organist

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

March 22, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
4th Sunday in Lent

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness* Johannes Brahms

OPENING SENTENCES

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

We shall love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our strength and with all our might.

Let us keep God's commandments in our hearts.

Let us recite them to our children and talk about them when we are at home and when we are away, when we lie down and when we rise. Let us bind them as signs on our hands, fix them as emblems on our foreheads, and write them on the doorposts of our houses and on our gates.

*HYMN PH #334 *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* GO DOWN MOSES

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of Israel, God of Egypt, God of all nations, forgive the oppression of this world. Forgive us for finding comfort in bondage and for fearing freedom, for serving ourselves when you call us to serve our neighbors. Grant us the courage to call out oppressors and to work for justice, to say, with Moses, forcefully, yet humbly, "Let my people go!" Help us to let go of that which bogs down our Lenten journey. In the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray...

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

Beth Riggs

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Numbers 21:4-9 (OT p. 139)

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 3:14-21 (OT p. 94)

ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus
(Herzliebster Jesu)

arr. Barbara Wallace

SERMON

Sand Mountain Revisited

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

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

Rock of Ages

Thomas Hastings
arr. DonHustad

DOXOLOGY

*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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Psalms 107:1-6

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that the Lord redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

God gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.

Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, who delivered them from their distress.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

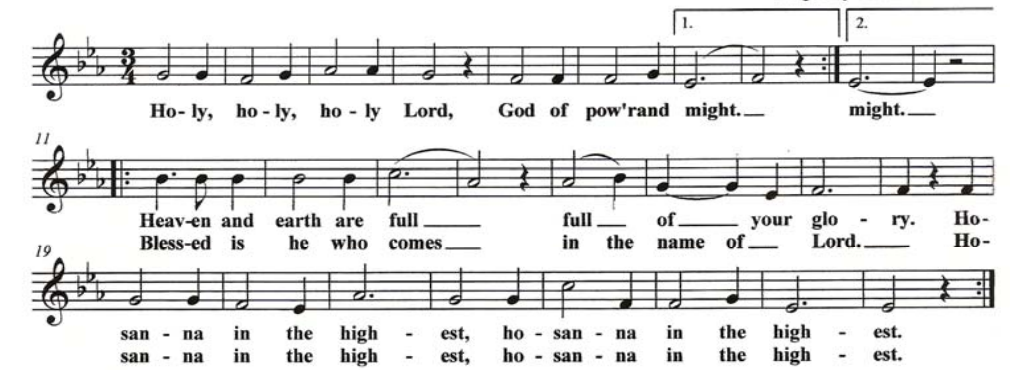
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

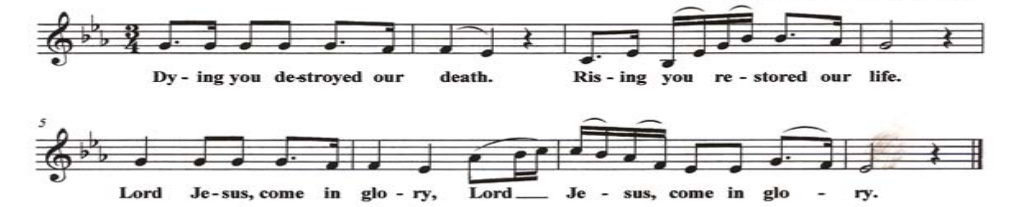
SANCTUS

Franz SCHUBERT
adapt. by Richard Proulx



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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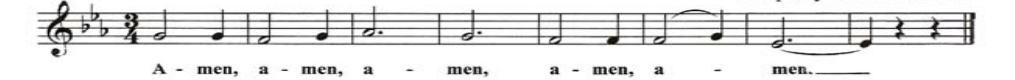


LORD'S PRAYER

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

AMEN

Franz SCHUBERT
adapt. by Richard Proulx



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 PH #80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY

*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.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude