

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.

Westminster Fellowship - Welcome to Westminster Fellowship students who will lead this morning's worship service. This program is led by James Goodlet, who serves as Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry at First Presbyterian, Tuscaloosa, and intern Barrett Abernethy.

Keever-Harris Award - During today's service, the Kever-Harris Award will be presented to Westminster Fellowship students who have shown extraordinary capacities for leadership in service to Christ and his church.

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 as brief as possible and encourages you to submit announcements in writing to the church office (upsa@bellsouth.net) so that they may be included in the weekly newsletter. Announcements received by 8 a.m. on Thursdays will appear in the following Sunday's newsletter.

Victoria Rowell Lecture - The College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Art and Art History, the African American Studies Program, UA Resources Center and the UA Black Faculty and Staff Assoc. are proud to sponsor a lecture by Victoria Rowell on Monday, March 30, at 7 p.m. in the Sellers Auditorium of the Bryant Conference Center on the UA campus. This event is free and open to the public. Ms. Rowell will present an 18-minute film and discuss her bestselling memoir: *The Women Who Raised Me* - about her rise out of the foster-care system to a successful career and life as a mother; and, of the unlikely series of women who lifted her up in distinctive ways.

Dance Alabama - The UA Department of Theatre and Dance presents *Dance Alabama* March 31st- April 3rd at the Morgan Auditorium. For tickets call (205)348-3400 or theatre.ua.edu.

Holy Week - Next Sunday, April 5, is Passion/Palm Sunday. Please join us for worship at 11 a.m. and then again on Good Friday, April 10, 12 noon. On Easter morning, April 12th, breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Mary Helen Martin or Margie Harris.

One Great Hour of Sharing - The PC(USA) collects the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during this time each year. This offering helps to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), Self-Development of People (32%) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%). Please give as you have made up your, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver!

Lectionary Study Group - The reading for March 31st will be Philippians 2:5-11.

Sunday School - March 29-Disabilities & Social Justice - Nirmala Erevelles, April 5-Holy Week in Mexico - Garry Warren, and April 12 - No Sunday School (Easter).

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 22- 29 + 1 nursery, March 15 - 35 + 1 nursery

Sunday Assignments

March 29

Communion Mary Helen Martin
Reader Beccy Bierman
Ushers Pat Dunbar and
Annabel Stephens
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Lydia Gilmer

April 5

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Lena Prewitt
Ushers Jeff Naidoo and
Jamie Campbell-Naidoo
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Kay Ellis

Lectionary Readings

March 29

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

April 5

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29
Isa. 50:4-9a ; Ps. 31:9-16
Phil. 2:1-15:47

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

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
5:15-6:30 Choir Practice
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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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

March 29, 2009- 11:00 a.m.
5th Sunday in Lent

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prélude modal

Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God?"

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

God does not faint or grow weary; the Lord's understanding is unsearchable.

God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*HYMN PH #356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me in a willing spirit.

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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!

CHORAL RESPONSE SNC #143

Jesus, Remember Me

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Megan Allred

ANTHEM

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

Richard Shephard

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gena Casey

Psalm 23 (OT p. 501)

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Danie Coon

1 Corinthians 13 (NT p. 175)

*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

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

J.S. Bach

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

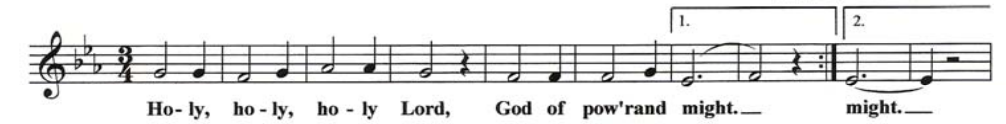
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

SANCTUS

Franz SCHUBERT

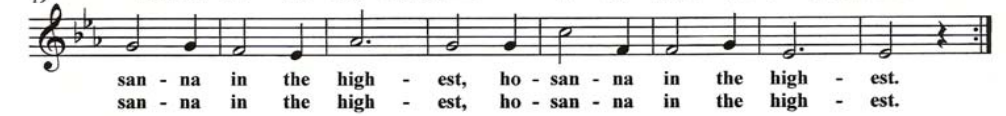
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'rand might. — might. —



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

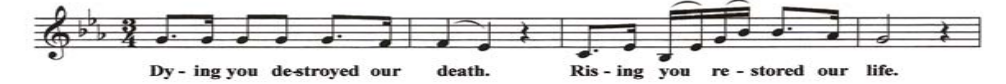


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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Dy - ing you de-stroyed 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

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

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

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 #525

Here I Am, Lord

*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

Voluntary on "Kingsfold"

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