

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 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.

Holy Week - This 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 12, 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 mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver!

Sharing Passover with the Campus Community-Monday, April 6, 2009, 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm, Crossroads Lounge, 232 Ferguson Center. On the occasion of Passover, Jewish Students from the University of Alabama discuss their faith and culture. Everyone is welcome to share in this community event. Sponsored by Crossroads Community Center and Hillel.

Lectionary Study Group - The reading for April 7th will be Acts 10:34-43.

Sunday School - April 5- Holy Week in Mexico - Garry Warren, and April 12 - No Sunday School (Easter).

Capstone Theatricals on YouTube - A promotional video for Capstone Theatricals' production of *The Taffetas* is now on YouTube. You can access it by going to www.youtube.com and entering the search terms "Capstone Theatricals." Capstone Theatricals is a professional touring company operated by Ed Whitehead, John's brother. *The Taffetas*, currently slated to tour in early 2010, is a play about a fictitious "girl group" of the Fifties and contains popular songs of the period.

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.

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 13 at 6:30 p.m..

April Birthday's - April 3-Patrick Laney, April 5-LaRue Whitehead, April 13-Rebecca Evans, April 17- Annabel Stephens and Elizabeth Rand, April 19- Marie Stone

Attendance - March 22- 29 + 1 nursery, March 29 - 59 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

April 5

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

April 12

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Rob Spencer
Ushers Torry Ryan and
James Darget
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Cathy Andreen

Lectionary Readings

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. 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39(40-47)

April 12

Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Cor. 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

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

<u>Sunday</u>	10:15 Coffee Hour 10:30 Choir Warm-up 11:00 Worship	<u>Wed.</u>	11-2 Food Pantry Set-up 11:00 Staff Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30-3:30 Food Pantry 5:15-6:30 Choir Practice 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<u>Thurs.</u>	5:00 Friends of Arboretum 6:30 GLBT
		<u>Friday</u>	12:00 Good Friday Service 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 8-2, Wednesday 8-2, 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”*

April 5, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fanfare and Processional

Wagner

OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed are you who are poor; for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you and defame you on account of the Son of (Wo)man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

Luke 6:20-23

INTROIT

Palm Sunday Proclamation

Albert Zabel

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Mark 11:1-11

*HYMN PH #88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CONFESSION OF SIN

attributed to Francis of Assisi

Lord make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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!

CHORAL RESPONSE SNC #143

Jesus, Remember Me

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lena Prewitt

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 (OT p. 506)

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 12:12-16(NT p. 106)

ANTHEM

Lamb of God
(German Chorale)

arr. F. Medlius Christiansen

SERMON

Blessed Is (S)he

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

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

The Palms

Faure

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

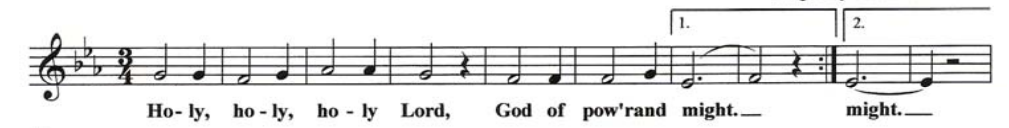
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

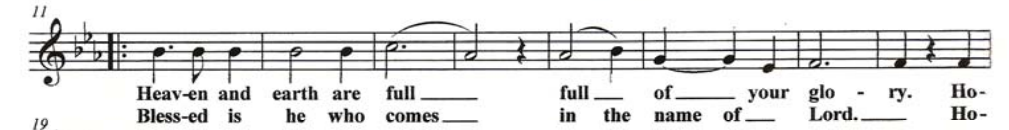
It is right to give our thanks and praise....

SANCTUS

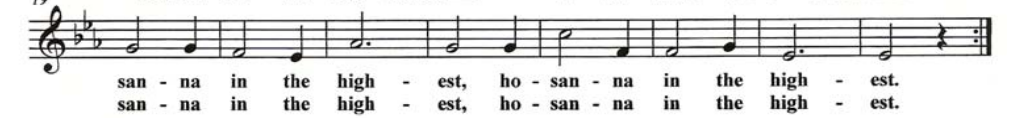
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'rand might. — might. —



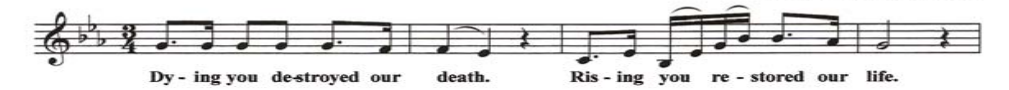
Heav-en and earth are full — full — of — your glo - ry. Ho - Bless-ed is he who comes — in the name of — Lord. — Ho -



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

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Dy - ing you de-stroyed our death. Ris - ing you re - stored our life.



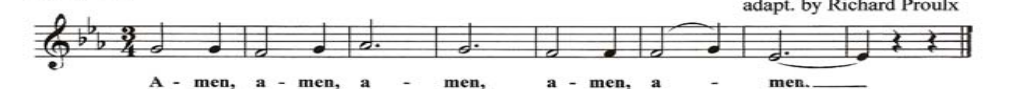
Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry, Lord — Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

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 SNC #130

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SOJOURNER

*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

The Royal Banners Forward Go

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