

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.

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 April 14th will be Acts 4:32-45.

Sunday School - April 12 - No Sunday School (Easter).

Day of Silence, April 17th - Founded in 1996, the Day of Silence was created to draw attention to the discrimination against LGBTQ students and their allies. On this day, participants take a vow of silence to call attention to the silencing of people who are harassed because of their sexuality, gender expression, or gender identity. A "Breaking the Silence" event will be held at 5 pm in the Ferguson Center Lounge on the UA campus. The event will feature Vickie Saltsman, sister of Billy Jack Gaither, and will commemorate the ten-year anniversary of his murder. The event is open to the public.

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 is posted. 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 Birthdays - April 3-Patrick Laney, April 5-LaRue Whitehead, April 13-Rebecca Evans, April 17- Annabel Stephens and Elizabeth Rand, April 19- Marie Stone

Attendance - April 5- 33 + 2 nursery, March 29 - 59 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

April 12

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

April 19

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Becki Evans
Ushers Kendall French and
Mary Helen Martin
Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeter Nancy DuPree

Lectionary Readings

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

April 19

Acts 4:32-35
Ps. 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Let us Pray.....

Torry Ryan, Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky,
James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, Jill Martindale,
Regina Lassiter, Robert Robinson, Lois Field,
Wilma Warren, Martha Folmar, Jackie Reid, Kay VanLuvender, Carl Washington,
Carla Hall and Frederick Washington.

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Deacon's Breakfast
10:30 Choir warm-up
11:00 Worship

Wed. 11-2 Food Pantry Set-up

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
5:15-6:30 Choir practice
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday A-Day Game

**Carolyn will be out of the office this week.*

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 8-2, Wednesday 8-2, 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"*

April 12, 2009- 11:00 a.m.
Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Christ is Arisen

J.S. Bach

OPENING SENTENCES

O Christ, in your resurrection the heavens and the earth rejoice.

Alleluia!

By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives as your new creation.

Alleluia!

Amen.

*HYMN PH #113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

CONFESSION OF SIN

prisoner in Ravensbruck concentration camp

O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering that they have inflicted on us; remember the fruits we have bought, thanks to this suffering—our comradeship, our loyalty, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this, and when they come to judgment let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness.

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!

GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, gloria in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rob Spencer

FIRST READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (OT p. 565)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 20:1-18 (NT p. 114)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!
(*Orientis Partibus*)

arr. John Ferguson

SERMON

A More Profound Alleluia

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #110

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

CELEBRATION OF THE FAITH OF NEW MEMBERS

Rachel Walker

Nicole Varnado

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Acts 10:34b-43

God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears the Lord and does what is right is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Risen Christ, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

J.S. Bach

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.

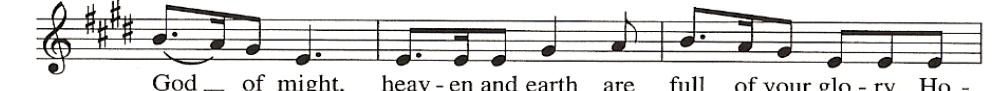
It is right to give our thanks and praise....

SANCTUS

McDowell Fogle



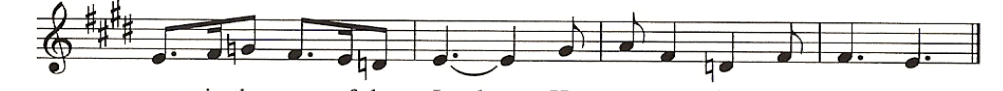
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God _ of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



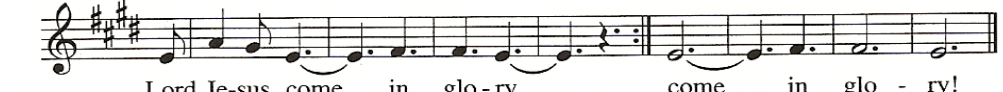
comes in the name of the Lord. _ Ho - san-na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

McDowell Fogle



Dy - ing, you de - stroyed our death; ris - ing you re - stored our life,



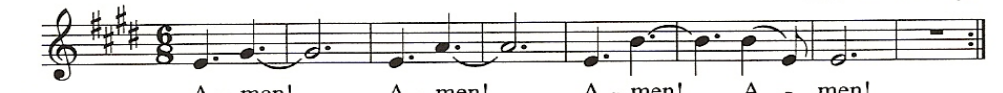
Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry. _ come _ in glo - ry!

LORD'S PRAYER

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

McDowell Fogle



A - men! _ A - men! _ A - men! _ A - men!

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

SENDING

*HYMN SNC #150

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Hebrew 13:20, 21

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever!

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands F. Freese