

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 21st will be Acts 3:12-19.

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.

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 19

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

April 26

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Chet Alexander
Ushers Nicole Varnado and
Rachel Walker
Welcomer Carla Hall
Greeter Becki Evans

Lectionary Readings

April 19

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

April 26

Acts 3:12-19
Ps. 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:8

Let us Pray.....

Wilma Warren, Martha Folmar, Jackie Reid, Kay VanLuvender, Carl Washington, Carla Hall and Frederick Washington.

Torry Ryan, Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky,
James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, Jill Martindale,
Regina Lassiter, Robert Robinson, Lois Field,

This Week at UPC

Sunday 10:15 Coffee Hour
10:30 Choir warm-up
11:00 Worship

Wed. 11-2 Food Pantry Set-up
Thurs. 4-8 Yard Sale Pricing
6:30 GLBT

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

Friday 5-7 Pre-sale for Friends and Family
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
Sat. 7-3 Yard Sale
Sun. 5:30 Congregational Hymn Sing

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

April 19, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you, that God is light and in the Lord there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

But if we walk in the light as the Lord is in the light,

We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God's son, cleanses us from all sin.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN PH #122

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O Lord, for acting as if we are without sin. This is the heart of self-deception. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Thus, we confess our sins, because you promise that if we confess our sins, Christ who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We pray in his name and for his sake.

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Becki Evans

FIRST READING

John 20:19-31 (NT p. 115)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 4:32-35 (NT p. 122)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

*Alleluia
Three Voice Canon*

William Boyce
arr. Mark Schweizer

SERMON

No One Claimed Private Ownership?

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #119

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

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

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.

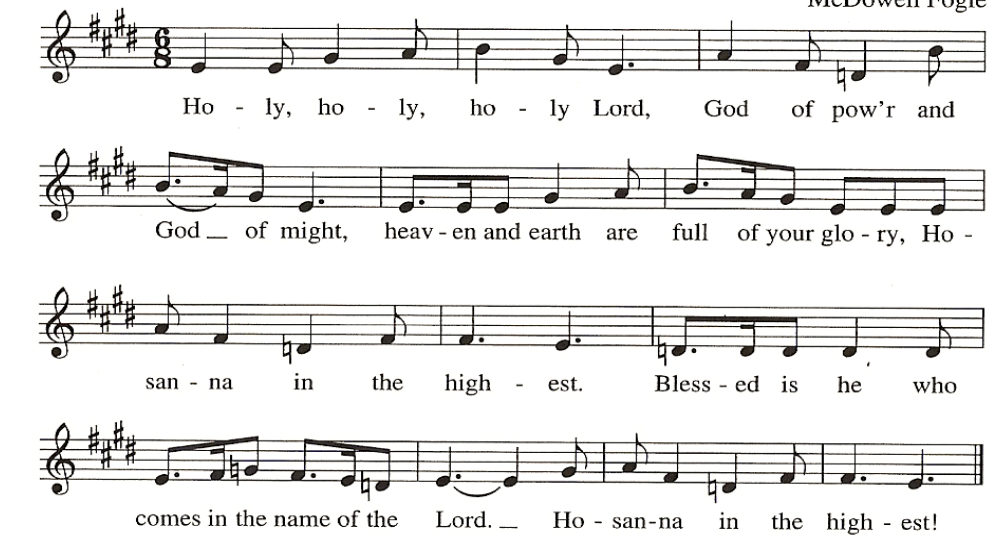
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

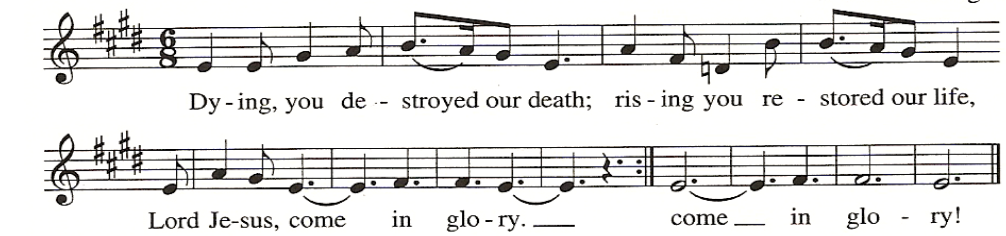
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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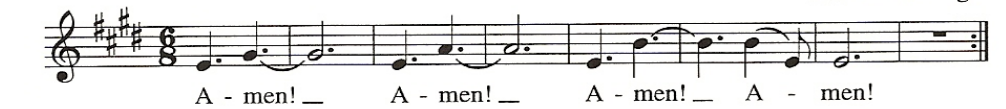


LORD'S PRAYER

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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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 PH #111

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*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