

## 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 announcements be as brief as possible and encourages you to submit announcements in writing to the church office ([upsa@bellsouth.net](mailto: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.

**Welcome, Dan Stephens** - Today, we are pleased to welcome Dan Stephens to UPC. Dan served previously as Associate for Campus Ministry at Tuscaloosa First and now serves as Associate Executive for Missional Development for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. He and wife Libby Van Pelt Stephens will be part of the group with whom Paige Miller will be traveling to Washington, DC, for the CARE National Conference and Celebration, May 5-6.

**CARE's National Conference and Celebration** - Paige Miller will be participating in CARE's National Conference and Celebration in Washington, DC, May 5-6. This important work is made possible by the Peace and Collaborative Development Network. Among the speakers at this year's event will be Wolf Blitzer, Richard Gere and Gwen Ifill. Paige's participation in this event is being funded by the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley.

**Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley** - Please be in prayer for the next meeting of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. This meeting will take place on Thursday, May 7 at Shades Valley Presbyterian Church. Lena Prewitt will serve as UPC's commissioner to this meeting.

**Recital** - Lydia Gilmer's spring piano recital will take place Thursday, May 7, at Arcadia Elementary School.

**Deacons' Lunch** - Thanks to the diaconate for providing us with a chance to be together and share a meal every second Sunday of the month. Please join us after worship next Sunday, May 10 in the fellowship hall and encourage others to join you.

**Thanks, Patrick** - Patrick Rish will be graduating from the University of Alabama this spring. With graduation comes the end of his service to UPC. His last Sunday with us will be May 10. Please let him know that you appreciate his work among us, giving all glory, honor and praise to God for bringing Patrick into our midst.

**Congratulations, Rebecca Ella Biermann** - Our thoughts and prayers are with Beccy Biermann as she graduates from Northridge High School this year. The commencement ceremony will take place at Northridge Stadium, Friday, May 22, 7 p.m.

**Covered Dish Dinner** - The UPC Deacons are planning a joint covered dish dinner with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation to raise awareness of hunger issues in Tuscaloosa. The basic idea is that everyone 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 our fellowship hall on May 13 at 6:30 p.m..

**Lectionary Study Group**— The reading for May 5th will be Acts 8:26-40.

**May Birthdays**— 2-Chelley Alexander, 5- Robert DuPree, 9-Tiffany Washington, 10-Beccy Bierman, 11-Jack Shelton and Julia Hartman, 13-Christina Andreen, 14-Denise Yanaura and Laura Hutton, 17-Thomas Haygood

**Attendance** - April 26- 38 + 2 nursery, April 19— 28 + 2 nursery

## Sunday Assignments

### May 3

Communion Rob Spencer  
Reader Cathy Andreen  
Ushers Garry Warren and  
Denise Yanaura  
Welcomer Paige Miller  
Greeter Mary Helen Martin

### May 10

Communion Kay Ellis  
Reader Julia Hartman  
Ushers Adam and Paige Miller  
Welcomer Julia Hartman  
Greeter Torry Ryan

## Lectionary Readings

### May 3

Acts 4:5-12  
Ps. 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

### May 10

Acts 8:26-40  
Ps. 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

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

Wed. 11-2 Food Pantry Set-up  
5:00 Deacon's Meeting

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

### **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, Tuesday 8-11:30, Thursday 8-11:30, Friday 10-2

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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”*

**May 3, 2009– 11:00 a.m.**  
4th Sunday of Easter

## THE GATHERING

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### OPENING SENTENCES

We know love by this, that Christ laid down his life for us.  
**And we ought to lay down our lives for one another.**

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?

**Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.**

1 John 3:16-18

\*HYMN PH #129

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, forgive us for being willing to die at the expense of a willingness live. Forgive us for living for ourselves and not for you or our neighbors. We confess that we have been embarrassed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that we have seen brothers and sisters in need and refused to help. We know what to say, but we do always know what to do to bring glory to you, the Lord our God, and so we search for truth and pray for your redemptive action, through the one who teaches us to love.

### KYRIE

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### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Andreen

### FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

John 10:11-18 (NT p. 103)

### SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Acts 4:5-12 (NT p. 121)

### ANTHEM

*Sing A New Song  
(Three-Part Canon)*

Michael Praetorius

### SERMON

*Apology Excepted*

Ron Gilmer

\*HYMN PH #172

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

## CELEBRATION OF GOD'S CALL ON OUR LIVES

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

**God has shown us what is good.**

What does the Lord require of us,

**But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?**

Micah 6:6,8

### PRAYER

O God, you love justice and you establish peace on earth. We bring before you the disunity of today's world: the absurd violence, and the many wars, which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world; militarism and the armaments race, which are threatening life on the planet; human greed and injustice, which breed hatred and strife. Send your Spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate toward the whole human family; strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace; lead all nations into the path of peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give.

A Prayer from Zaire

### CARE National Conference and Celebration

Dan Stephens

### A Word of Gratitude

Paige Miller

### PRAYER

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

Acts 10:34b-43

### 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 PH #455

*All creatures, your Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness.*

*O sing ye! Alleluia!*

*Praise, praise Creator, praise the Son,*

*And praise the Spirit, Three in One!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

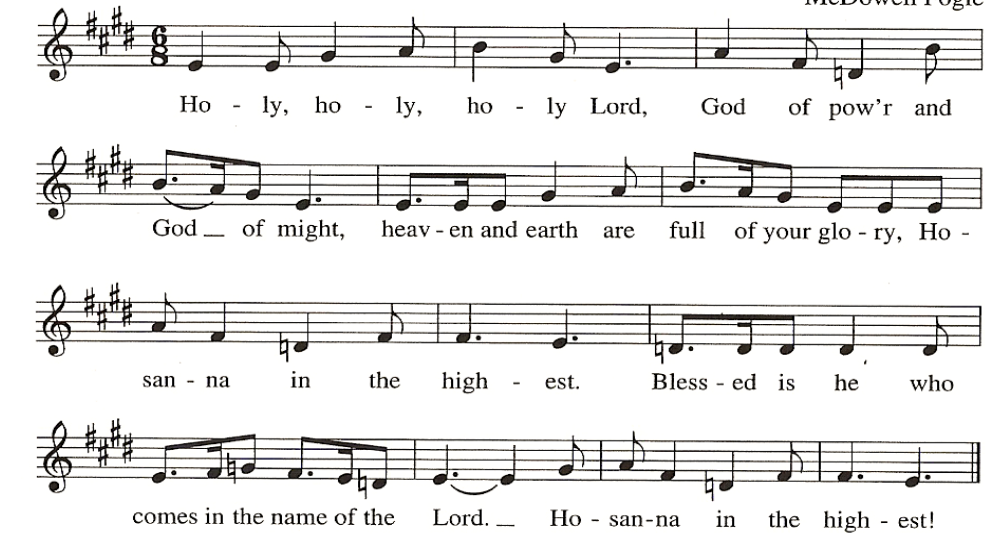
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## SANCTUS

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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

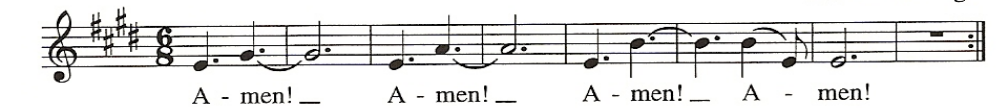
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### LORD'S PRAYER

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

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### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please gather at the Lord's Table. When giving the bread, it is appropriate to say, "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven." When giving the cup, it is appropriate to say, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

### SENDING

\*HYMN PH #417

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

REGENT SQUARE

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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.**

Hebrew 13:20, 21

### POSTLUDE