

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) 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.

Memorial Day - Please note that the church office will be closed this Monday, May 25. You may contact Ron Gilmer via cell phone.

Lectionary Study Group— The reading for May 26th will be Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost Offering - The PC(USA)'s Pentecost offering will be collected on Sunday, May 31. This offering supports work among children at risk, youth and young adults. Traditionally, 60% of this offering goes to the denomination's work in this area, and 40% is invested locally.

Alabama Poverty Project - The annual meeting of the Alabama Poverty Project will take place Wednesday, June 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham. The program will feature presentations by Stephen Black, President, Impact Alabama and Director, Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at the University of Alabama; Susan Grimes, Horticultural Therapy Coordinator, Birmingham Botanical Gardens; Shannon Horsley, Manager, First Light Center for Homeless Women and Children; and Becky Wadley, Director of Programs for Children and Youth, Urban Ministry. Cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch. Participants are asked to register by June 5. For more information, call (205)939-1408. Interested in traveling to the event together? Contact Ron Gilmer.

Main Event - Presbytery's Main Event has been set for August 14-15 at South Highland Presbyterian Church. Please mark your calendar. The featured speaker will be Rodger Nishioka, Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary. As soon as registration materials arrive from presbytery, they will be passed along to you.

More Light National Conference - More Light Presbyterians National Welcoming and Affirming Conference will take place in Nashville, TN, September 4-6. Among the speakers at this year's event will be PC(USA) moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow. The registration fee is \$50 per participant (if registered by July 31). Hotel rates range from \$62 to \$92.95 per night. If you plan to go, please contact Christopher Uptain by June 14. For more information, please visit www.mlp.org/mlp2009reg.

Attendance - May 10- 42+ 2 nursery, May 17 - 33 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

May 24

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Linda Grote
Ushers Chet and Suzanne Alexander
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Nancy DuPree and
Gillie Presley

May 31

Communion Mary Helen Martin
Reader Ann Webb
Ushers Cathy Andreen and
Rob Spencer
Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeter Torry Ryan

Lectionary Readings

May 24

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Ps. 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 31

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek. 37:1-14
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b
Rom. 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Let us Pray.....

Jared Dearing, 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 9:15 Choir Practice
10:15 Coffee Hour
11:00 Worship

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday 5:00 Capstone Alliance

Monday Memorial Day—Office Closed

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - Pat and Annabel leave

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, Tuesday 8-11:30, Wednesday 8-2

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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”

May 24th, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
7th Sunday of Easter/ Ascension of the Lord

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer from Christ ascending...

Olivier Messiaen

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on this law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

*HYMN PH #147

Blessing and Honor

O QUANTA QUALIA

CONFESSION OF SIN

from *The Book of Common Worship*

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Grote

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 24:44-53 (NT p. 91)

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 1:1-11 (NT p. 118)

ANTHEM

*Ascended Is Our God and Lord
(Gen Himmel aufgefahren ist)*

arr. James H. Laster

SERMON

Defying Gravity

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH # 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 93

You, O Lord, are Sovereign; you have put on splendid apparel; you, O Lord, have put on your apparel and girded yourself with strength. You have made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved; ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. The waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

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

Trumpet Tune on 'Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Michael Helman

DOXOLOGY PH #455

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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!

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.

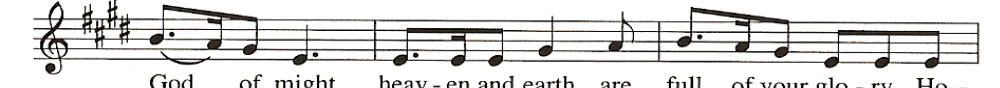
It is right to give our thanks and praise....

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 -

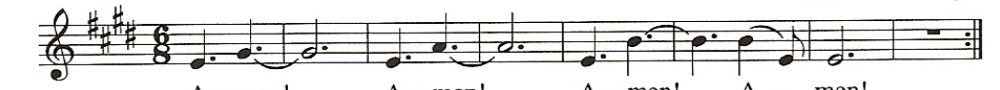


stored our life, Lord Je - sus, come _ in glo - ry!

LORD'S PRAYER

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

McDowell Fogle



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

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

SENDING

*HYMN PH #145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

*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

Flourish and Chorale

Michael McCabe