

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.

Note on Hymns - The music of the church enriches the worship life of the congregation. It has in ages past and will for years to come. The patriarchal language of some traditional hymns is offensive to some. In an effort to be gender-inclusive, you are welcomed to substitute "God" for "He," "Maker" for "Father" and "Creator" for "The Father" in the celebration of the liturgy.

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

Lectionary Bible Study—The Tuesday lectionary study is on hiatus for the summer. We will resume October 20 with a discussion of Job 42:1-6 and 16-17.

ISLF Faculty Retreat - This fall, the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley will introduce an Institute for Spiritual Leadership Formation, which will provide seminary-quality education to elders and deacons in churches throughout the presbytery. Ron Gilmer serves as the chair of the committee responsible for making this happen. To this end, Ron and all of the Institute's faculty will be on a planning retreat June 5-6 at the home of PC(USA) Educator of the Year Linda LeBron in Sylacauga. In the event of an emergency, please contact Ron via cell phone.

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.

Central Alabama Pride - Central Alabama's annual PRIDE parade will take place Saturday, June 13, in Birmingham. Groups from Capstone Alliance and the local Unitarian Universalist congregation will be participating. If you would like to join them, please 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.

A Note From Patrick Rish—Dear UPC, Thank you so much for the generous check you gave me in honor of my two years serving as your organist! It was a joy playing music for you every week! I know you all helped me to improve my skills in service playing. Best wishes for all of you in the future—please let me know if I can ever be of service. Sincerely, Patrick.

Sanctuary Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been provided by Mary Helen Martin in honor of Beccy Biermann for graduation.

Attendance - May 24- 38+ 1 nursery, May 17 -33 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

May 31

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

June 7

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Joanna Bierman
Ushers Torry Ryan and
John Whitehead
Welcomer Paige Miller
Greeter Denise Yanaura

Lectionary Readings

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

June 7

Isa. 6:1-8
Ps. 29
Rom. 8:12-17
John 3:1-7

Let us Pray.....

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

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

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:15 Choir Practice
10:15 Coffee Hour
11:00 Worship

Tuesday 5:15 Deacon's Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday 11-2 Food Pantry set-up

Monday 11:00 Staff Meeting

Friday 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 8-12, Wednesday 8-12

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Faythe Freese, Organist

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May 31st, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
Pentecost

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 104:31-34

May your glory, O Lord, endure forever; may you rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please you; I will rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, and the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Hallelujah!

*HYMN PH #128

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of majesty, you surround us with gifts of grace, gifts that too often we fail to open; and even when we open them, sometimes we neglect them. Our words of praise do not approach the wonders of your love. Forgive us, we pray. Send forth your Spirit, that our lives may be refreshed and the whole world may be renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Ann Webb

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT p. 806)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21 (NT p. 119)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Will Pour Out My Spirit

Carson P. Cooman

SERMON

Rushing Wind

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN SNC #171

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:22-28

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, grown inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. 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

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 -

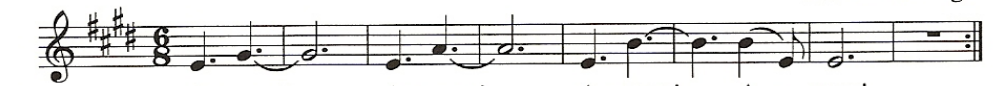


stored our life, Lord Je - sus, come _ _ in glo - ry!

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 #538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*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