

News and Information

Welcome! - Welcome to University Presbyterian Church. Thanks be to God for gathering us to worship. May your experience here be Christ-centered and Spirit-filled and all glory be given to God. This congregation was established during the Civil Rights Movement and has continued to pursue social justice throughout its history. If you would like to know more about the church, please contact Ron Gilmer. If you would like for the church to know more about you, please sign the guest register at the back of the sanctuary. After the service, all are invited to gather in the fellowship hall for coffee and conversation.

Greeting and Announcements - All are welcomed and encouraged to share announcements of interest to the congregation at the beginning of the service. The session asks that announcements be succinct. If possible, please submit announcements in writing to Carolyn MacVicar by the Wednesday before you would like the announcement to appear in this newsletter (upsa@bellsouth.net).

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.

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.

More Light Sunday - University Presbyterian Church is a More Light congregation. Meaning: we are committed to the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The first Sunday of June is designated as More Light Sunday.

Winter-Vallery Student Center - Thanks to First Presbyterian Church Tuscaloosa for re-carpeting the student center. The carpet was installed this past week, which completes a renovation plan that the session approved almost a year ago. Thanks to Rob Spencer for working diligently to repair leaks in the building so that new carpet has a good chance of staying dry. The work that Rob does at UPC is invaluable to the life and work of this congregation.

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.

Deacons' Lunch - The next deacons' lunch will be Sunday, June 21, immediately after worship. Please note that this represents a departure from our usual every second Sunday formula, the formula to which we will return in July.

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.

Thank You from Beccy - Dear UPC, Thank you for the lovely bible! It means a lot to me. Thank you so much for your love and support. You are all amazing people! Love always, Beccy.

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

Sunday Assignments

June 7

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

June 14

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Garry Warren
Ushers The Millers
Welcomer Carla Hall
Greeters Paige and Kai Miller

Lectionary Readings

June 7

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

June 14

1 Sam. 15:34-16:13
Ps. 20
2 Cor. 5:6-10(11-13) 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

Let us Pray.....

Jared Dearing, Torry Ryan, Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky, James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, 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 1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Monday 11:00 Staff Meeting

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 8-12, Tuesday 8-11:30, Wednesday 8-12

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William Henderson, Director of Music
Faythe Freese, Organist

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

June 7, 2009- 11:00 a.m.
Trinity Sunday
More Light Sunday

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

O praise the Lord with me.

Let us exalt God's name together.

Psalm 34:3

*HYMN PH #138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of grace, love and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul and mind; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

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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

Joanna Bierman

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 6:1-8 (OT p. 635)

PSALM

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory that is due the holy name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is mighty upon the waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temples of the Lord, all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as Sovereign forevermore. The Lord shall give strength to the chosen people; the Lord shall give the people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 3:1-17 (NT p. 93)

ANTHEM

*O Most Merciful
(Schoenster Herr Jesu)*

Munster Gesangbuch 1677

SERMON

God's Many Voices in the Natural Word

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN

*Bring Many Names
See Insert*

WESTCHASE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. To God be the glory. 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

*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.

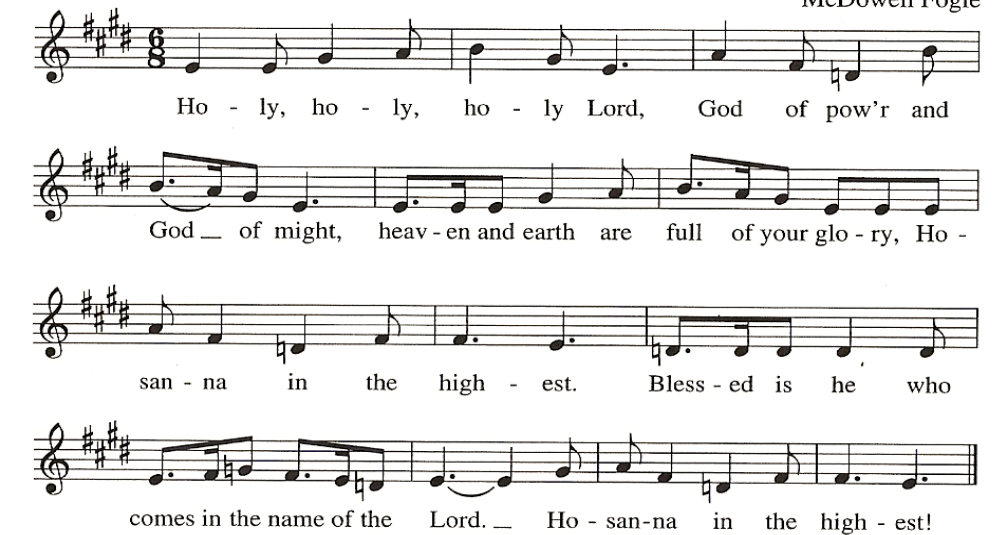
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

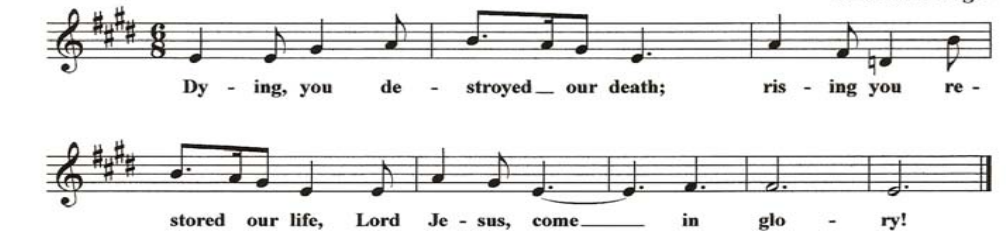
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

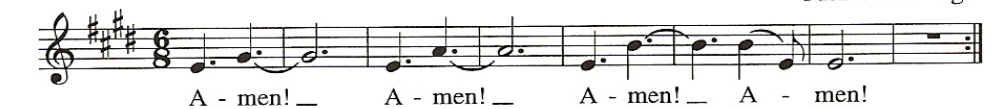
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LORD'S PRAYER

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

SENDING

*HYMN PH #466

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Alleluia! Amen.**

POSTLUDE