

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. All are welcomed here. 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 the Sunday 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.

Deacons' Lunch - This Sunday there will be a deacons' luncheon in the fellowship hall immediately after worship. Please bring canned goods and plastic bags. Lunch is free, but contributions to the food pantry will be accepted.

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.

Winter-Vallery Student Center - Thanks to First Presbyterian Church Tuscaloosa for re-carpeting the student center. The carpet was installed in May and 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.

Thank You - Thanks to Betsy Rand for bringing Buster and Sandy home from the kennel, as well as to Lena Prewitt, who offered assistance. And thanks again to Ruthie Sherrill for taking them to the vet, to Kay Ellis, who offered, and to all others who expressed concern. You helped me to attend a very significant event and I am grateful. John Whitehead

CARE - International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2009. Thanks in part to the efforts of CARE supporters, Senate Bill 987 has gained 12 new co-sponsors in the Senate since its introduction, for a total of 14 supporters! Thank you for helping bring attention to the 25,000 girls who are forced into marriage each day. Child marriage brings with it a host of negative consequences: health risks, increased risk of violence, limited opportunities for education and untold harm caused by cutting short a girl's childhood. Early marriage often means early pregnancy, and young girls are five times more likely to die of complications during pregnancy and childbirth than women in their twenties. **Time is critical; the Senate may vote on this bill early next week.** You can help this groundbreaking, bipartisan bill gain support in the Senate, which will go a long way to help stop this harmful practice. If passed, this legislation would do much to protect girls and reduce the detrimental effects of child marriage around the world. If you haven't done so already, please call your senators now to voice your support for the bill! Sen. Sessions (202)224-4124 and Sen. Shelby (202)224-5744.

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.

June Birthdays - Garry Warren-June 21, Nancy DuPree-June 24

Attendance - May 24- 38+ 1 nursery, June 7 - 31 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

June 21

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Robert DuPree
Ushers Denise Yanaura and
Ruthie Sherrill
Welcomer Julia Hartman
Greeter Becki Evans

June 28

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Ruthie Sherill
Ushers Steve Borrelli and
John Whitehead
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Lydia Gilmer

Lectionary Readings

June 21

1 Sam. 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
Ps. 9:9-20 or 1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16
and Ps. 133
2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 28

2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27
Ps. 130
2 Cor. 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

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 Rehearsal
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, Wednesday 8-12

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William Henderson, Director of Music
Faythe Freese, Organist

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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

June 21, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 57:15

Thus says the high and exalted one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy;

I dwell in a high and holy place,

But I also live with those who are broken and humble in spirit,

To revive the spirit of the humble and restore the courage of the broken.

*HYMN PH #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION OF SIN

High and Exalted One, we confess that we are broken. We are humbled by our sinfulness. Gathered to worship by your Spirit, we find it difficult to tear ourselves away from that which preoccupies and distracts us from the gifts that you give us to share. Bless us, O God, even though we do not deserve to be blessed. Revive and restore us, and use us to revive and restore Christ's church in your world. This we pray in Jesus' name and for his sake.

KYRIE

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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

Robert DuPree

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49 (OT p. 260)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 9:9-20

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble.

Those who know your name will put their trust in you, for never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; proclaim to the peoples the things the Lord has done.

The Avenger of blood will remember them, and will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Have pity on me, O Lord; see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death;

So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation in the gates of the city of Zion.

The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

The Lord is known by divine acts of justice; the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

The wicked shall be given over to the grave, and also all the people that forget God.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; let them be judged before you.

Put fear upon them, O Lord; let the ungodly know that they are but mortal.

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (NT p. 181)

ANTHEM

Laudamus Te
(All Praise To Thee)

Antonio Vivaldi

SERMON

Judge Thy Neighbor?

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #332

Live Into Hope

TRURO

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are those of a gentle spirit, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy will be shown to them. Blessed are those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the cause of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when you are reviled, and persecuted and all kinds of evil are uttered against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia! 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!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, — ho - san - na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

AMEN



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 #422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*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