

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.

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.

Students for a Democratic Society—The Tuscaloosa chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) hosts National Coordinator of Campaign for Labor Rights (CLR) James Jordan in Birmingham. Mr. Jordan will lecture and discuss "U.S. Intervention and the Struggle for Labor Rights in Colombia" on **Monday, July 6th at 6 PM at the Church of the Reconciler, 112 14th St. North, Birmingham, AL 35203.** This event is free and open to the public. The lecture will be followed by moderated Q&A session. All donations will go towards helping a University of Alabama student attend a CLR-sponsored human rights delegation to Colombia this August. Suggested Donations: \$20-\$100. Founded in 2006, the Tuscaloosa chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) organizes students at the University of Alabama for social justice. Visit their blog at <http://sdstuscaloosa.blogspot.com/>.

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.

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.

July Birthdays—July 10th -Mary Helen DuPree, July 11th-Will Lee, July 17th- Kay Ellis, July 19th- Pat Dunbar, July 23rd-Bill Henderson, July 27th- Gillie Presley, Ron Gilmer

Attendance - June 21- 47+ 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

July 5

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Nancy DuPree
Ushers Ruthie Sherrill and
Denise Yanaura
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Ann Webb

July 12

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Gillie Presley
Ushers The Alexanders
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Kai Miller

Lectionary Readings

July 5

2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-10
Ps. 48
2 Cor. 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 12

2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19
Ps. 24
Eph. 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

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 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

*Office Closed this week

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

July 5, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 2:9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,
In order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

*HYMN PH #259 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, light of the minds that know you, light of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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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

Nancy DuPree

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 2:1-5, 9-10 (OT p. 276)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 48

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God is the Lord's holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, the city of the great Sovereign and the very center of the world.

God is in the citadels of Zion; God is known to be its sure refuge.

Behold, the rulers of the earth assembled and marched forward together.

They looked and were astounded; they retreated and fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God has established it forever.

We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments.

Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it; count the number of its towers. Consider well its bulwarks; examine its strongholds; that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God forever and ever; God shall be our guide forevermore.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (NT p. 185)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON

Mighty Fortresses

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN SNC #272

O God, Your Justice Towers

COMPLAINER

* 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

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



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 #563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*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