

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.

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 12

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

July 19

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Adam Miller
Ushers Mary Meares and Ann Webb
Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeter Becky Evans

Lectionary Readings

July 12

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

July 19

2 Sam. 7:1-14a
Ps. 89:20-37
Eph. 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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
12:00 Deacon's Lunch
Tuesday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday 5:00 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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*“University Presbyterian Church is a More Light Congregation,
an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

July 12, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

*HYMN PH #8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of all that was, and is, and ever shall be, the earth does, in fact, belong to you. You created us to sing your praise, and yet we fail and fall from holy places into the depths of pride and despair. Without your help, we are incapable of ascending. You lift us up, even when we let you and one another down. Guide us in Christ's steps, and help us to proclaim your truth in the world now and always.

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

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (OT p. 280)

PSALM

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is the Lord who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? And who can stand in God's holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, not sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek the Lord, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the glorious Sovereign shall come in.

"Who is this glorious Sovereign?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the glorious Sovereign shall come in.

"And who is the glorious Sovereign?" "The Lord, the Lord of hosts is the glorious Sovereign."

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NT p. 192)

ANTHEM

SERMON

The Earth and the Battle Belong to the Lord?

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

* 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 #142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*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