

## 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](mailto: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 Food Pantry**— In the month of May, the food pantry served 925 people (309 children, 474 adults and 142 seniors) providing 632 bags of food to 405 families. In June, the food pantry served 594 people (262 children, 274 adults and 58 seniors) providing 594 bags of food to 245 families.

**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.

**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. Registration materials are available online. Please visit [www.pslpcusa.org](http://www.pslpcusa.org)

**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** - July 5- 33+ 1 nursery

## Sunday Assignments

### July 19

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

### July 26

Communion Paige Miller  
Reader John Whitehead  
Ushers Jeff Naidoo and  
Jamie Campbell-Naidoo  
Welcomer Carla Hall  
Greeter Torry Ryan

## Lectionary Readings

### July 19

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

### July 26

2 Sam. 11:1-15  
Ps. 14  
Eph. 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

### *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

### 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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Ron Gilmer, Pastor  
William Henderson, Director of Music  
Faythe Freese, Organist

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

**July 19, 2009– 11:00 a.m.**  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE GATHERING

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God embraces us with mercy and love, calling us to life and faith.

**We are new people in God's love.**

God invites us out of sin and darkness, and into the light.

**We are new people in God's love.**

God tears down the old divisions between us and joins us together in faith.

**We are new people in God's love.**

God is our peace—we have nothing to fear.

**We are new people in God's love.**

God welcomes our trust and blesses us with grace.

**We are new people in God's love.**

\*HYMN PH #416 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Creator, your faithfulness is great. The seasons of the earth praise you in their turn. The sun, the moon, and stars shout, "God is great!" But we fail you: We turn away from your presence. We change with the prevailing wind. Our compassion for others is fleeting. Faithful God, pardon our sin and give us your peace. Bless us with new mercies morning by morning, that we may share your steadfast love.

#### KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



## THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Adam Miller

#### FIRST READING

Psalm 123 (OT p. 572)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NT p. 205)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

#### SERMON

*Mission:and Grace: Share My Joy*

Mary McQueen Porter, D.Min.

#### \*HYMN PH #341

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

#### \* 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 #432

*Song of Hope*

ARGENTINA

#### \*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