

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 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

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 26

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

August 2

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| Communion | Rob Spencer |
| Reader | Suzanne Alexander |
| Usher | Mary Helen Martin |
| Welcomer | Paige Miller |
| Greeter | Lydia Gilmer |

Lectionary Readings

July 26

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

August 2

2 Sam. 11:26-12:13a
Ps. 51:1-12
Eph. 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

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

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| <u>Sunday</u> | 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:00 Worship |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | 5:00 Deacon's Meeting |
| <u>Friday</u> | 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous |

Elders

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| Steve Borrelli | Robert Spencer |
| Nancy DuPree | Garry Warren |
| Linda Grote | Ann Webb |
| Julia Hartman | John Whitehead |
| Gillie Presley | |
| Lena Prewitt | |

Deacons

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| 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: Tuesday 8-12, 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”*

July 26, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Lamentations 3:22-23

O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease,
Fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.

*HYMN PH #281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION OF SIN

God, I believe that my moral state is an imperfect one. I have a mixture of both good and evil, and in my heart, I really hope that the good out ways the bad. But what truly gets me is when You say that I should love You with my entire heart plus that I should love my neighbor more than myself. I'm so guilty. I really don't love you with my entire heart, and I live my life as I see fit, basically for my own pleasures. So, when I stare this terrible fact of sin in the face, I know I need your deep and loving forgiveness.

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!

CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS Thomas Keesecker

Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15 (OT p. 284)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 14

Fools say in their heart, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the name of the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.
Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge. Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of the chosen people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad.

SECOND READING

Luke 16:19-31 (NT p. 79)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON

Crossing Over

Robert Montgomery

*HYMN PH #413 *All Who Love and Serve Your City* CHARLESTOWN

CANTICLE

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel; you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.

You have come to your people and set them free.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

You have come to your people and set them free.

This was the oath you swore to Abraham and Sarah: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

You have come to your people and set them free.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

You have come to your people and set them free.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

You have come to your people and set them free.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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

*HYMN PH #361 *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

DISMISSAL

The grace of God be with us all, now and always.
Amen.
Bless the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

1 Timothy 6:21

POSTLUDE