

News and Information

Welcome - Thanks be to God for gathering us to worship, and welcome to University Presbyterian Church. As a congregation within the PC(USA), we are called: "a. to a new openness to the presence of God in the Church and in the world, to more fundamental obedience, and to a more joyous celebration in worship and work; b. a new openness to its own membership, by affirming itself as a community of diversity, becoming in fact as well as in faith a community of women and men of all ages, races and conditions, and by providing for inclusiveness as a visible sign of the new humanity; c. to a new openness to the possibilities and perils of its institutional forms to God's activity in the world; and d. to a new openness to God's continuing reformation of the Church ecumenical, that it might be a more effective instrument of mission in the world (*The Book of Order*, G-3.0401)."

Guests - If you are worshipping here for the first time, we are especially grateful that you are with us. You are encouraged to sign the guest register at the back of the sanctuary. For more information about the life and work of this congregation, please contact Ron Gilmer.

Announcements - All are welcomed to make announcements of interest to the congregation at the beginning of the service. The session asks that announcements be succinct. You are encouraged to submit announcements in writing to be published in this newsletter by the end of business hours on the Wednesday before the Sunday that you would like the announcement to appear in print. Please send such announcements to Carolyn MacVicar at upsa@bellsouth.net.

Congregational Singing - In celebration of the fact that God is neither male nor female, you are welcomed and encouraged to use gender-neutral language when singing hymns. "God" is an appropriate substitute for "he" or "him." "Maker" is an appropriate substitute for "Father," and "Creator" is a suitable alternative to "the Father."

Baptism - The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated this morning, as sisters Lydia Anne and Julia Lea Byrd will be baptized. The flowers in the sanctuary are given to God's glory and in the twins' honor. Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately after the service for a reception.

Main Event - The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley's biggest educational event of the year is set for August 14-15 at South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Information and registration forms are available at church and online at www.pslpcusa.org. Please submit completed registration forms to Nancy DuPree by Wednesday, August 5.

Institute for Spiritual Leadership Formation - Looking for an educational opportunity that goes beyond what is offered in the local congregation? Please consider signing up to participate in presbytery's newly established Institute for Spiritual Leadership Formation. Beginning this fall, classes will meet monthly through the spring. Some classes will be taught face-to-face. Others will be offered online. There will be weekend gatherings for all Institute participants at the beginning and end of the curriculum. Brochures are available in the back of the sanctuary. For more information, visit presbytery's web site (www.pslpcusa.org) or contact Ron Gilmer.

Work Day - Students from Westminster Fellowship are volunteering to help clean up the church's buildings and grounds next Saturday, August 8, 9 a.m.-12 noon, in preparation for a statewide Pastor/Student Day to take place at UPC on Monday, August 31. We are grateful for this offer. Please make every effort to join the students in this effort.

More Light Presbyterian National Conference - Please be in prayer for those who will be representing UPC at this year's More Light Presbyterians National Conference, which will take place in Nashville over Labor Day Weekend. This group will consist of Becki Evans, Kendall French, Ron Gilmer, Shannon Kee, Christopher Uptain and Denise Yanaura.

August Birthdays— August 13-Ashley Lee, James Roberson, August 31-Paige Miller and Beth Riggs

Attendance - July 19- 34+ 1 nursery

Sunday Assignments

August 2

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

August 9

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Paige Miller
Ushers Becky Evans and Vanessa Llera
Welcomer Julia Hartman
Greeter Garry Warren

Lectionary Readings

August 2

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

August 9

2 Sam. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Ps. 130
Eph. 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Let us Pray.....

C.W. Tomlin, Jared Dearing, Torry Ryan, Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky, James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, Robert Robinson, Lois Field, Wilma Warren, Jackie Reid, 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
Thursday 5:00 Deacons Meeting
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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*“University Presbyterian Church is a More Light Congregation,
an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

August 2, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Voluntary in B Flat* Eric Thiman

OPENING SENTENCES

The world belongs to God.

The earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful,

To live together in unity.

Love and faith come together.

Justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples kept silent

These stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*HYMN PH #264 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* ENGELBERG

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, you know us better than we know ourselves, and still you love us. Wash us from all our sins, create in us clean hearts, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that we may give you praise; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Suzanne Alexander

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a(OT p. 284)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all of my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16 (NT p. 193)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON

Like Water for Baptism

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #322

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please see insert.

*HYMN PH #304

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

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

Voluntary in D Minor

Eric Thiman

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 #339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*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

Postlude in F

Eric Thiman

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
LYDIA ANNE AND JULIA LEA BYRD
AUGUST 2, 2009

PRESENTATION

Ron Gilmer, Pastor

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:
All authority in heaven and on earth
Has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
Baptizing them in the name of the Creator,
And of the Redeemer,
And of the Holy Spirit,
And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear also these words of Scripture:

The promise is for you, for your children and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord God calls.

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

STATEMENT FROM THE SESSION

William B. Henderson, Elder

On behalf of the session, I present Lydia and Julia to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

Jeanette and Lea, do you desire that Lydia and Julia be baptized?

We do.

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?

We do.

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Lydia and Julia, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Jeanette and Lea, as God embraces you within that covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

We do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

We do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying God's Word and showing God's love.

We will, with God's help.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Creator, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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To you, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Lydia Anne, I baptize you in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer.

Amen.

Julia Lea, I baptize you in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer.

Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The children will be anointed with oil, which serves as a reminder that God's Spirit is always with them just as God's Spirit is always with us.

O Lord, uphold Lydia and Julia by your Holy Spirit. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Lydia and Julia have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them members of the household of God to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.