

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. to 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."

Deacons' Lunch - Please join us for lunch in the fellowship hall immediately after this Sunday's Service for the Lord's Day.

Thanks! - Thanks to all who participated in yesterday's congregational work day. We are especially grateful to the students of Westminster Fellowship who came and helped. We look forward to having them lead worship here in September.

Aid to Inmate Mothers— If you would like to help provide school supplies for the Aid to Inmate Mothers program through AIM, please send your donation to Aid to Inmate Mothers, PO Box 986, Montgomery, AL 36101-0986.

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.

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.

Opening Academic Sunday - The fall semester at UPC begins with Opening Academic Sunday, which, this year, has been set for September 14. More Light Presbyterians Field Director Michael Adee will be with us for Sunday School and then preach during the Service for the Lord's Day.

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

Attendance - July 19- 34+ 1 nursery

Sunday Assignments

August 9

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

August 16

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Mary Meares
Ushers Julia Hartman and
Denise Yanaura
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Mary Helen Martin

Lectionary Readings

August 9

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

August 16

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Ps. 111
Eph. 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Let us Pray.....

Warren, Jackie Reid, Carl Washington, Carla Hall and Frederick Washington.

C.W. Tomlin, Jared Dearing, Torry Ryan, Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky, James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, Robert Robinson, Lois Field, Wilma

**This
Week
at
UPC**

Sunday 9:15 Choir Rehearsal
10:15 Coffee Hour
11:00 Worship
12:00 Deacons Lunch
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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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

August 9, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Variation on Two Hymns of Praise* arr. John Innes

OPENING SENTENCES Ephesians 4:25-5:2
So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.

Be angry but do not sin.

Do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil.

Thieves must give up stealing;

Rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,

And be ye kind, one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*HYMN PH #379 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

CONFESSION OF SIN

Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on true and living bread which you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 Mary Meares

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 (OT p. 292)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord, Lord hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voices of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits for you; in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than sentries for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; there is plenteous redemption with the Lord, who shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING John 6:35, 41-51 (NT p. 98)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON *On Ascending* Ron Gilmer

*HYMN SNC #62 *Psalm 130: In Deep Despair I Cry to You* MORNING SONG

* 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 *Eucharistia* G. Winston Cassler

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 up 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 #514 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTEAD

*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 *Toccatain Seven* John Rutter