

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 worshiping 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."

Westminster Fellowship Open House—The Westminster Fellowship is holding an Open House at the Winter-Vallery Student Center, Monday, August 17 at 6 p.m. All college students are encouraged to attend and learn about all of the upcoming activities of WF this coming school year.

UPC Gameday Parking Committee Needs Your Help! - All UPC members and friends are invited to participate in our football parking fundraiser. UPC hosts 70 parkers during each home football game, and we need folks to volunteer to be at the church during each game to do things like mingle with visitors, keep the facilities looking nice and clean, post signs, take donations, etc. Volunteers DO NOT park cars! The Presbyterian Students are paid a weekly fee to handle the actual parking of cars. If you are available to help out (even for only a game or two), **please attend our info/planning session on Sunday, August 30, immediately after worship in the library.** Questions? Contact Adam Miller at ADMMLR@aol.com or 205-657-5134.

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 13. 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 - August 9- 27+ 3 nursery

Sunday Assignments

August 16

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

August 23

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Norm Baldwin
Ushers Cathy Andreen and
Beth Riggs
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter KayEllis

Lectionary Readings

August 16

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

August 23

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Ps. 84
Eph. 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

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
5:30 Session mtg. at the home of
Phil and Linda Grote

Monday 6:00 WF Open House

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: Tuesday 8-12, Wednesday 8-12 and Thursday 8-2

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August 16, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Ephesians 5:19-20

Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves.

Sing and make melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*HYMN PH #210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, you gather us in this assembly, which is upright only some of the time. Our works, while well-intentioned, fall short of your glory. We study your Law but do not always delight in it. Great and marvelous are your works. They help us to remember what we forget too often. In life and in death, we belong to you, and belonging to you, we belong to a covenant of grace. You are faithful to us when we are unfaithful to you. Unfaithful we have been. Forgiving you are. Redeem us, we pray. Help us to be truthful and equitable in all that we do and say. Holy and awesome is your name, O Lord.

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

Norm Baldwin

FIRST READING

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 (OT p. 304)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.

Full of majesty and splendor is the work of the Lord, whose righteousness endures forever.

Gracious and full of compassion is the Lord, whose marvelous works are to be remembered.

The Lord gives food to the God-fearing, ever mindful of the covenant.

The Lord has shown the chosen people works of power in giving them the lands of the nations.

The hands of the Lord work faithfulness and justice; all the commandments of the Lord are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

The Lord sent redemption to the chosen people, commanding the covenant forever; holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the Lord endures forever.

SECOND READING

John 6:51-58 (NT P. 98)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord

Shein/Nelson

SERMON

Luminous Peace in the Life of Obedience

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN SNC #254

Eat This Bread

EAT THIS BREAD

* 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 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 #145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

*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