

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."

Congregational Meeting- The Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, August 30, immediately after worship for purpose of electing members of this year's Nominating Committee. Julia Hartman will chair this committee, and John Whitehead will serve as an elder representative. If you would like to have your name placed in nomination or would like to nominate someone else to serve in this capacity, please contact Ron Gilmer, Julia Hartman or John Whitehead.

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.

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, Larry Goldman, Garry Warren, 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 Adey 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, August 16- 40 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

August 23

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

August 30

Communion Mary Helen Martin
Reader John Whitehead
Usher Rob Spencer
Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeter Vicki Cox
Lennon Cox

Lectionary Readings

August 23

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

August 30

S. of Sol. 2:Ps. 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

<u>Sunday</u>	9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:00 Worship	<u>Friday</u>	8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
<u>Monday</u>	6:00-8:00 Westminster Fellowship	<u>Sunday</u>	Congregational Meeting 12:00 Gameday Parking meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:30 Staff meeting 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: Tuesday 10:00-1:00
Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary, Office Hours: Tuesday 8-12, Wednesday 8-12 and Thursday 8-2

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Ron Gilmer, Pastor

William Henderson, Director of Music

Faythe Freese, Organist

Heekyung Lee, Intern

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

August 23, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into my house and worship, says our God.

Happy are those who feel at home in God's house.

Come into my presence and be at peace, says our God.

Happy are those who enjoy God's gift of serenity.

Come and let your life be joined to mine, says our God.

Happy are those who abide in God's love.

Come and be God's honored guest, for all are welcome in God's house.

Happy are we, the dearly loved of a faithful God.

*HYMN PH #482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Holy One of God. Even as we confess you are Lord, we admit that we struggle to follow you. Your teachings demand commitment, but we lack energy and imagination. Sometimes we wish we could just go away from you. But to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. Risen Christ, have mercy on us. Choose us yet again. Send your Spirit to empower our witness and work.

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

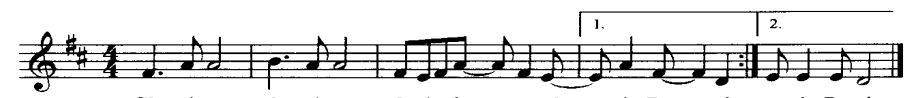
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1Kings 8:22-30,41-43 (OT p. 312)

PSALM

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Bā'ca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NT p. 195)

ANTHEM

SERMON

Armor of Light

Rev. Lou Ann Sellers

*HYMN PH #504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

* 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

*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!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 #464

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*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

Jubilate Deo

Emily Crocker