

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."

Congregational Meeting- The Session has called a congregational meeting for 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.

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 today, immediately after the congregational meeting.** Questions? Contact Adam Miller at ADMLLR@aol.com or 205-657-5134.

Pastor/Student Day—Westminster Fellowship will host its annual Pastor/Student Day tomorrow, August 31, at 6 p.m. Worship will take place here in the UPC sanctuary.

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 Adee will be with us for Sunday School and then preach during the Service for the Lord's Day.

Westminster Fellowship—Students who participate in Westminster Fellowship will lead worship on Sunday, September 20th.

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

Attendance - August 23- 39+ 2 nursery, August 16- 40 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

August 30

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

September 6

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Denise Yanaura
Ushers Nicole Varnado and Rachel Walker
Welcomer Carla Hall
Greeter Beth Riggs

Lectionary Readings

August 30

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

September 6

Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Ps. 125
James 2:1-10(11-13) 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

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 and Congregational Meeting 12:00 Gameday Parking meeting	<u>Tuesday</u>	10:30 Staff meeting 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
<u>Monday</u>	6:00-8:00 Westminster Fellowship Pastor/Student Day	<u>Wednesday</u>	5:00 Deacons Meeting
		<u>Friday</u>	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 30, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Directory for Worship (W-1.1002)

The Spirit of God quickens us to an awareness of God's grace and claim upon our lives.

The Spirit moves us to respond by naming and calling upon God, by remembering and proclaiming God's acts of self-revelation in word and deed, and by committing our lives to God's reign in the world.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN PH #139

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Sovereign God, your Spirit moves, and we are still. You call us to speak, and we are silent. Forgive our unwillingness to name and call upon you. Forgive our forgetfulness and inaction. Forgive our lack of commitment to the church in this world. Open our hearts, and help us to sing noble songs that proclaim your grace and glory. Help us to love one another as Christ loves us. Bless us, we pray, so that our neighbors may be blessed through us, in Jesus' name and for his sake.

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Whitehead

FIRST READING

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (OT p. 623)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of persons; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your reign; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your generations are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the noble women of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27 (NT p. 229)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON

Noble Songs of Gazelles and Stags

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #76

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

* 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



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



LORD'S PRAYER

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

AMEN



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 #376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*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