

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."

Heekyung Lee Recital—Ms. Heekyung Lee, our Assistant Organist and recipient of the William B. Henderson Organ Fellowship, will perform her first DMA recital on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Moody Concert Hall on the UA campus. She will perform works of Bach, Sweelinck, Mendelssohn, Reger, Hummel and Langlais. The concert is free and open to the public and a reception will follow immediately in the Green Room.

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 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.

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.

September Birthdays—Sept. 3- James Darget, Sept. 7-Gregory Henderson, Sept. 9-Billy Romine, Sept. 10-Lena Frost, Sept. 14-Norm Ellis, Sept. 19-Jamie Campbell

Attendance - August 23- 39+ 2 nursery, August 30- 43 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

September 6

Communion Adam Miller
Reader Paige Miller
Ushers Nicole Varnado and Rachel Walker
Welcomer Carla Hall
Greeter Beth Riggs

September 13

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Robert DuPree
Ushers The Millers
Welcomer Paige Miller
Greeter

Lectionary Readings

September 6

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

September 13

Prov. 1:20-33
Ps. 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

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>Tuesday</u>	10:30 Staff meeting 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
<u>Monday</u>	6:00-8:00 Westminster Fellowship	<u>Wednesday</u>	5:00 Finance Committee Meeting 5:30-7:00 Choir rehearsal
		<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 11:00-12:00, Thursday 8:99-9:00
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”*

September 6, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.

We trust in God, who is faithful to us.

Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.

We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.

Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.

We trust in God, who is the giver of every gift.

Be steadfast in your lives, says the God of wisdom.

We trust in God, who endures forever.

*HYMN PH #412 *Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds* FOREST GREEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, you taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We admit that we often think we are better than others. We tease people who wear old clothes. We ignore people who live in run-down neighborhoods. We boast about our accomplishments. We even say unkind things about others so that they look worse and we look better. Jesus, forgive us and teach us again. Help us to be kind to others, as you want us to be.

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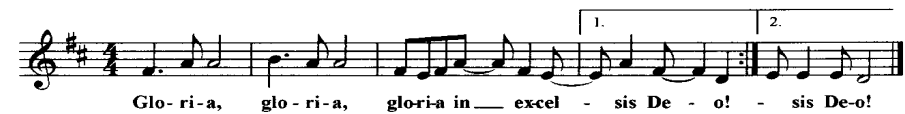
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paige Miller

FIRST READING

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (OT p. 604)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 125:1-5

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds God's people, from this time on and forevermore.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17 (NT p. 229)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Blessed Are They Who Trust in the Lord

Thomas Keesecker

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:24-37 (NT p. 42)

SERMON

Beyond the Comfort Zone

Thomas Herwig

*HYMN SNC #69 *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* YE BANKS AND BRAES

* 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 #429 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE