

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: "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...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...to a new openness to the possibilities and perils of its institutional forms to God's activity in the world; and ... 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 at UPC for the first time, we are especially grateful that you are here. 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 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."

Sunday School - Sunday School will meet at 9:30 on Sunday, September 20th, in the library. The class will be a review and discussion of the book "God's Problem," published in 2008 by University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Religious Studies Professor Bart Ehrman. The book deals with the age-old question of why God allows the innocent to suffer, discussing the different answers proposed in various parts of the Bible. As usual for UPC book reviews, reading the book is not required for participating in the discussion! Steve Borrelli will moderate.

Coming attractions- During Sunday school on September 27th, Drs. Norm Baldwin and Phil Grote will lead a discussion of mission statements and how they are used in business, nonprofits, and government agencies. This is part of our continuing discussion related to the revision of UPC's Mission Statement.

Biermann Awarded Medal in Paris - Dr. Peter Biermann, adjunct professor in UA's department of physics and astronomy, won the Daniel Chalonge Medal 2009 for his contributions to astrophysics and the Chalonge School in Paris. <http://uanews.ua.edu/2009/09/ua-professor-awarded-daniel-chalonge-medal-in-paris/>

Answered Prayers - For years our congregation has prayed for children. God has answered our prayers with the births of twin girls and upcoming births of 2 more babies. Please join us in a celebration for Paige and Adam Miller's son to be, Jeanette Byrd and Leah's twin girls, and Carla Hall's grandchild. The church will have a baby shower honoring all of these children on Sunday, September 27th, immediately after church. Everyone is invited to join this celebration.

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.

World Communion Sunday - World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 4 this year. On this occasion, the PC(USA) collects its annual Peacemaking Offering. Each congregation is encouraged to retain 25% of this offering, 25% is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50% goes to the General Assembly. This year, emphasis is being placed on helping those affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

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 - September 13 - 44+ 3 nursery, August 30 - 43 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

September 20

Communion Nancy DuPree
Ushers Mary Helen Martin
Welcomer Julia Hartman
Greeter Cathy Andreen

September 27

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Lena Prewitt
Ushers Julia Hartman and
Denise Yanaura
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Pat Dunbar

Lectionary Readings

September 20

Prov. 31:10-31
Ps. 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 27

Esth. 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Ps. 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Let us Pray.....

Warren, Jackie Reid, Carl Washington, James Darget, 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>	9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:00 Worship 12:00 Session Meeting	<u>Tuesday</u>	10:30 Staff meeting 12:00 Worship Committee meeting 1:30-3:30 Food Pantry 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
<u>Monday</u>	6:00-8:00 Westminster Fellowship	<u>Wednesday</u>	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 11-12 and Thursday 8-9
Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary Office Hours: Tuesday 8-12, Wednesday 8-12 and Thursday 8-2

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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 20, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked; adapted from Psalm 1
Their delight is in the law of the Lord. Russ Peters
On God's law they meditate day and night;
For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

*HYMN PH #476 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Uniting God, it is so easy to look at people different than we and to judge. It's easy to step away, to ignore, to shun, and to insult. It's easy to reject anyone who doesn't fit into our comfortable, little worlds. Yet you are a God who has created everyone in your image. You are a God who loves all without condition. You are a God who calls us to love our neighbor, however different they may be, as ourselves. Forgive us when we fall short! Grant us the courage to step outside of our comfort zones, to love as you love, to embrace as you embrace, and to welcome all as members of the Body of Christ. For it is in his name that we pray. Cathie Price

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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

Theo Pinson

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord. Deuteronomy 15:1-11(OT p. 171)
Thanks be to God. Meagan Allred

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acts 2:37-47 (NT p. 120)
Caleb McKerley

ANTHEM

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

David Ashley White

SERMON

Should We All Just Get Along?

Caleb McKerley

*HYMN PH #306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God: we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Thanks be God!

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!

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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 #256

Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, remain with you always. Philippians 4:7
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please be seated during the postlude.