

News and Information

Welcome - Welcome to University Presbyterian Church, an open and affirming "More Light" congregation in the PC(USA). Please sign the guest register at the back of the sanctuary if you are worshipping here for the first time. For more information about the life and work of this congregation, please contact Ron Gilmer.

Worship - The PC(USA) affirms that "the life of the Church is one, and that its worship, witness and service are inseparable" (*Book of Order*, preface to the Directory for Worship). In an effort to be inclusive, gender-neutral language is used in worship, and when patriarchal language appears in hymns, members often substitute language that recognizes that God is neither male nor female. You are welcome to join them. Please be seated for the voluntaries at the beginning and end of the service. You may choose to use this time to meditate or pray.

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.

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 immediately after church. Everyone is invited to join this celebration.

Race and Displacement Symposium - The University of Alabama's Race and Displacement Symposium will take place October 1-3. For more information, please visit <http://racesymposium.blogspot.com/>.

World Communion Sunday - World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 4 this year. On this occasion, the PC(USA) collects its annual Peace-making 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. Thus, 25% of this offering will go to support the work of West Alabama AIDS Outreach.

Congregational Meeting - A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, October 11, immediately after worship, to elect the next class of officers. The Nominating Committee is nominating Jamie Campbell, Lena Prewitt and Annabel Stephens to serve as elders and Pat Dunbar and Rachel Walker to serve as deacons.

Calendar - Please mark your calendars: October 25th- Reformation Sunday and Pet Blessing, 4 p.m., November 1st- All Saints Day, November 6th- Spaghetti-to-Go, November 13th-14th- Officers Retreat, November 22nd- Festival of the Earth, December 6th- Lessons and Carols

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/>

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.

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

Sunday Assignments

September 27

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

October 4

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Becki Evans
Ushers Denise Yanaura and
Ruthie Sherrill
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Ann Webb

Lectionary Readings

September 27

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

October 4

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Ps. 26
Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Let us Pray.....

C.W. Tomlin, Jared Dearing, Torry Ryan, Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky, James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, Robert Robinson, Lois Field, Wilma Warren, Jackie Reid, Carl Washington, James Darget, Carla Hall and Frederick Washington.

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Coffee Hour
11:00 Worship
12:00 Baby shower

Tuesday 10:30 Staff meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday 5:30-7:00 Choir rehearsal

Monday 6:00-8:00 Westminster Fellowship

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
10:30 Presbyterian House Residents Council

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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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice"*

September 27, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

