

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 for prayer and meditation.

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.

World Communion Sunday - Today is World Communion Sunday . On this occasion, the PC(USA) collects its annual Peacemaking Offering. Each congregation is retains 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 next 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.

Pastor Emerita - Sandy Winter will return to UPC next Sunday, October 11, to lead the adult Sunday School class. This class is part of a series designed to help us think about the church's mission statement. Please give serious thought and prayer about who we are and what God is calling us to be.

More Light Gathering - More Light Presbyterians are being asked to gather during the National Equality March next weekend and participate in a teleconference. Cathy Andreen has agreed to host an event at her home next Sunday, October 11, 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. If you are willing to help with set up or clean up, please let Cathy know.

Faculty Recital - UA organ professor and UPC organist Faythe Freese will be performing in a faculty recital at the Moody Music Building on Thursday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.music.ua.edu/calendar or call 348-7111.

Moundville Halloween Celebration - The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Tuscaloosa is inviting us to join them for a Halloween Celebration at Moundville Park on Saturday, October 24. Please bring a dish to share. The group will gather just before sundown, and the festivities will include campfires, singing and pumpkin-carving for children. If you plan to attend, please let Ron Gilmer know by Sunday, October 18.

Belonging to God - Are you new to the PC(USA) or to UPC? A series is being offered this fall to help those who are considering membership in this congregation. It is called "Belonging to God." In this series of meetings, participants will share stories about their faith journeys and find out more about Presbyterian thought and practice. If you are interested in participating in this series, please contact Ron Gilmer. An organizational meeting will take place immediately after worship on Sunday, October 18. Please bring a calendar and give some thought to which nights work best for you. The series consists of three meetings. Each meeting takes up to two hours, and yes, food is involved.

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

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, September 27— 43 + 5 nursery

Sunday Assignments

October 4

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

October 11

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Rob Spencer
Ushers The Alexanders
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Kai Miller

Lectionary Readings

October 4

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

October 11

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Ps. 22:1-15
Heb. 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

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

Monday 5:30 Stewardship, Finance and
Personnel Committee meeting
6:00-8:00 Westminster Fellowship

Tuesday 10:30 Staff meeting
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday 5:30-7:00 Choir rehearsal

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Elders

Steve Borrelli Robert Spencer
Nancy DuPree Garry Warren
Linda Grote Ann Webb
Julia Hartman John Whitehead
Gillie Presley
Lena Prewitt

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

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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

October 4, 2009— 11:00 a.m.
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

SILENT PRAYER

from *The Book of Common Worship*

God of mercy, have mercy on us.

God of wisdom, illumine our minds.

God of light, shine into our hearts.

Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

God of Power, be our refuge and our strength, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

John 15:16; 1 John 4:16b; 2 Timothy 1:7

I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

God is love.

Those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

*HYMN SNC #4

Come, All You People

UYAI MOSE

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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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

Rob Spencer

FIRST READING

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 (OT p. 453)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 26:1-12

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have not hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

Whose hands are full of evil plots, and their right hand full of bribes.

As for me, I will live with integrity; redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

My foot stands on level ground; in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (NT p. 218)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Very Bread

Randolph Currie

SERMON

Motivation

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #519

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee

ADORO TE DEVOTE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lamentations 3:22-26

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Your faithfulness, O Lord, is great. You are all that I have, and therefore I will wait for you. You, O Lord, are good to those who wait for you, to all those who seek you. It is good to wait in patience for the salvation of the Lord. Hallelujah! 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 #513

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

VOLUNTARY

Please be seated during the postlude.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Philippans 4:7

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.

Alleluia! Amen.