

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 worshiping 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 and inclusive language is used in worship. 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.

Congregational Meeting - A congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship today, 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.

More Light Gathering - More Light Presbyterians are being asked to gather during the National Equality March this week and participate in a teleconference with More Light Presbyterians Executive Director Michael Ade. Cathy Andreen has agreed to host an event at her home tonight, Sunday, October 11, 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.

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.

Reformation Sunday-Sunday, October 25, is Reformation Sunday. Please mark your calendars and invite guests to join us for the 11 a.m. worship service in which we will give thanks to God in celebration of a tradition that is "reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God."

Pet Blessing-We will celebrate God's love for all creation in a special service in which you are invited and encouraged to bring your pets on Sunday, October 25, 4 p.m. This service will be in Francis of Assisi's tradition of blessing the pets, but, of course, with a Presbyterian twist.

All Saints' Observance-Our All Saints' observance is set for Sunday, November 1, this year. During the 11 a.m. service, we will remember and give thanks for the saints among us who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year. Please pass along the names of persons you would like remembered and stories about them that you would like to share to Ron Gilmer.

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.

Officer Training-An officers' training event has been scheduled for November 13-14. All who are actively serving as elders and deacons and those being ordained and/or installed next year are asked to participate in this event, which will take place on the campus of at Unitarian Universalist Association of Tuscaloosa County.

Boogie on the Belle-The Unitarians are holding an event called "Boogie on the Belle" on Saturday, November 14, 8-10 p.m. A percentage of the proceeds will go to support UPC's deacon's food pantry. If you would like to participate, please contact Ron Gilmer for more information.

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.

Sunday Assignments

October 11

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Cathy Andreen
Ushers The Alexanders
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Kai Miller

October 18

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Quincy Hall
Ushers Mary Meares and Ann Webb
Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeter Becki Evans

Lectionary Readings

October 11

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

October 18

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Heb. 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

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

<u>Sunday</u>	9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:00 Worship 12:00 Congregational Meeting 6:00 More Light Gathering	<u>Tuesday</u>	10:30 Staff meeting 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”*

October 11, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

SILENT PRAYER

Anselm of Canterbury

We bring before you, O Lord, the troubles and perils of people and nations, the sighing of prisoners and captives, the sorrows of the bereaved, the necessities of strangers, the helplessness of the weak, the despondency of the weary and the failing powers of the aged. O Lord, draw near to each, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Hebrews 4:12-16

The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow;

It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*HYMN PH #147

Blessing and Honor

O QUANTA QUALIA

CONFESSION OF SIN

Sheila Cassidy

Lord, teach us to forgive: to look deep into the hearts of those who wound us, so that we may glimpse, in that dark, still water, not just the reflection of our own face but yours as well.

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a in excel-sis De-o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Andreen

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Job 23:1-9, 16-17(OT p. 471)

PSALM

Psalms 22:1-15

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

"Commit your cause to the Lord; let God deliver- let God rescue the one in whom the Lord delights!"

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is not one to help.

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Ba' shan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

My heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherb, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 10:17-31(NT p. 46)

ANTHEM

The Tree of Life (Shades Mountain)

K. Lee Scott

SERMON

Accusation

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN SNC #266

Our Cities Cry to You, O God

SALVATION

* 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 #172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

VOLUNTARY

Please be seated during as the closing voluntary as we give thanks to God for the gift of music.

*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.