

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 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.

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 today. Please 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.

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.

Alabama Arise - Alabama Arise has scheduled a listening session for Thursday, October 29, 6:30 p.m., at UPC. The subject of the session is health care, and the event is open to the public. Please join us and invite in any and everybody in West Alabama to be there, too.

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.

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.

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 - October 4- 35+ 2 nursery, September 27- 43 + 5 nursery

Sunday Assignments

October 18

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

October 25

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Rob Spencer
Ushers Jeff Naidoo and Jamie Campbell
Welcomers Carla Hall and Rob Spencer
Greeter Torry Ryan

Lectionary Readings

October 18

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

October 25

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Ps. 34:1-8(19-22)
Heb. 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

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 Belonging to God
12:15 Session Meeting

Tuesday 10:30 Staff meeting
11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday 5:30-7:00 Choir rehearsal

Monday 6:00-8:00 Westminster Fellowship

Friday 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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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice"*

October 18, 2009- 11:00 a.m.
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

MEDITATION

Benedict of Nursia
O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen to your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks in all circumstances;

For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

*HYMN SNC #14

God, You Call Us to This Place

SALZBURG

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, our Creator, you are just, merciful and true. Forgive us for deceiving ourselves and deceiving our neighbors, for cranking up the noise when you call us to be still and know that you are God. When we look deeply within ourselves, deeply within our experiences, we find reflections of your grace, and for this, we are grateful. We give thanks for your never-ending love for us, for your willingness to forgive and for the promise of peace that the world does not give, peace that comes only from you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

KYRIE

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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

Quincy Hall

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Job 38:1-7, 34-41(OT p. 484)

PSALM

Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.

You have set the earth upon its foundations, so that it never shall move at any time.

You covered it with the deep as with a mantle; the waters stood higher than the mountains.

At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, to the places you had appointed for them.

You set the limits that they should not pass; they shall not again cover the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 10:35-45(NT p. 47)

ANTHEM

I Will Praise You, O Lord, with All My Heart

Mark Bender

SERMON

Silence

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #197

My Soul in Silence Waits for God

CHESHIRE

* 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



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.



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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 #244

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

VOLUNTARY

Please be seated during 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.