

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. 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.

Reformation Sunday - This Sunday, we celebrate our heritage of being "reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God." The prayers being prayed in this service are part of a collection edited by Howard Rice and Lamar Williamson, Jr. From the beginning of the service to its end, we will travel through Reformed history in our prayers. Thomas Chalmers served churches in Kilmarnock and Glasgow before serving as professor of divinity at Edinburgh. Horatius Bonar was a hymn writer who served as moderator of the Free Church General Assembly in 1883. Rachel Henderlite was the first woman to be ordained in the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the first woman faculty member at Austin Theological Seminary. Eugene Farlough was raised in the Watts area of Los Angeles, was the organizing pastor of Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church in Richmond, California and served as Coordinator of Student and Community Life at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Congregational Care - The church is organizing an effort to provide food for the Miller family following the arrival of Quinn. If you are willing to prepare a dish, cook an entire meal and/or deliver food to the Millers in Moundville, please contact Linda Grote.

Cadarius Washington - Carla Hall is now a grandmother, and Tiffany Washington is a mother. Cadarius Washington was born on October 15, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. and was 19 inches long. Mother and baby are well. Please remember them in your prayers.

Boogie on the Belle - The Unitarian Universalists are inviting us to join them for an evening on the Alabama Belle on Saturday, November 14, 8-10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and \$40 for a pair. A percentage of the proceeds will go to support the work of UPC's Deacons' Food Pantry. If you plan to participate, please give your registration fee to Ron Gilmer by next Sunday, November 1.

Pet Blessing-We will celebrate God's love for all creation in a special service this afternoon at 4 p.m. This service will be in Francis of Assisi's tradition of blessing the pets, but, of course, with a Presbyterian twist. Please bring your pets on a leash or in a pet taxi.

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.

Belonging to God - The "Belonging to God" series will begin following this year's Service of Lessons and Carols, which has been set for Sunday, December 6, 5 p.m. The group will meet after the covered dish dinner. The next meetings in the series will take place Thursday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday December 13, at 3:30 p.m. Please pray for those who have already signed up to participate: Brock Fisher, Kendall French, Quincy Hall, Bill Henderson, Jessi Hitchins, Mary Meares, Maria-Victoria Perez-Fisher, James Shoemaker and Denise Yanaura. If you would like to know more about being Presbyterian and being Presbyterian at UPC, please contact Ron Gilmer about becoming part of this group.

Calendar - Please mark your calendars: **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.

Attendance- October 4—35+ 2 nursery, October 18- 40 + 2 nursery

November Birthdays- **November 1**—Eryn Blake, **November 5**—Ruthie Sherrill, **November 6** — Larry Goldman, Chet Alexander, **November 9** — Rob Spencer, **November 18**—Erica Durham, **November 19**—Karin Andreen, **November 20**—Robert Cargo

Sunday Assignments

October 25

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

November 1

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Julia Hartman
Ushers Mary Helen Martin
Kendall French
Paige Miller
Lydia Gilmer

Lectionary Readings

October 25

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

November 1

Isa. 25:6-9
Ps. 24
Rev. 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

Let us Pray....

Paige Miller, 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, Tiffany Washington, Cadarius Washington and Frederick Washington.

This Week at UPC

<u>Sunday</u>	9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:00 Worship 4:00 Pet Blessing	<u>Tuesday</u>	10:30 Staff meeting 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study 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>Thursday</u>	6:30 Alabama Arise Meeting
		<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

Ron Gilmer, Pastor Stated Hours: Tuesday 11:30-1 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 25, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY Sonata in A Major Felix Mendelssohn
Con moto maestoso
(Out of the Depths of Woe)

MEDITATION Thomas Chalmers (1780-1847)
*O God, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
Lighten, if it be your will, the pressure of this world's care, and, above all, reconcile us to your will,
and give us a peace which the world cannot take away;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

OPENING SENTENCES Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Come, Lord, and tarry not; Bring the long-looked-for day; O why these years of waiting here, these ages of delay?
Come, for Thy saints still wait; Daily ascends their sigh; The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Dost thou not hear the cry?
Come, for creation groans, impatient of Thy stay, worn out with these long years of ill, these ages of delay.
Come and make all things new; Build up this ruined earth; Restore our faded Paradise, creation's second birth.
Come, and begin Thy reign of everlasting peace;
Come, take the Kingdom to Thyself, Great God of Righteousness.

*HYMN PH #259 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

CONFESSION OF SIN Rachel Henderlite (1905-1991)
We come to Thee, O Christ, confessing to Thee the fears that twist our lives and keep us from inner calm and peace that come from Thee. The fear of ourselves that we cannot do what is expected of us; The fear of being found out for our littleness and pride in ourselves; The fear of being left out when joy and richness come to others; The fear of not being ready when opportunities present themselves for service; The fear of death, that when it comes our time to die, we shall not have done the things we would have done, because we were afraid to venture out. We find ourselves shrinking back before the unknown, wanting assurance where we must have faith; We find ourselves hesitating to follow Thee, O Christ, afraid the cost may be too great, and life may pass us by. Give us strength and peace that only Thou canst give.

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 Rob Spencer

FIRST READING Job 42:1-6, 10-17(OT p. 488)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 34:1-8

At all times I will bless the Lord, whose praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt the name of the Lord together.
I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called to the Lord in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses the God-fearing, and the Lord will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who trust in the Lord!

SECOND READING Mark 10:46-52 (NT p. 47)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *As Silver Tried by Fire* arr. By Mozart/Whitehead
Text and Melody based on Psalm 12 by Martin Luther

SERMON *Vision* Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #339 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Romans 3:21-26
But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by Christ's blood, effective through faith. God did this to show true righteousness, because in God's divine forbearance the Lord has passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and that the Lord justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. To God be the glory in Jesus Christ now and forever.

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 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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!*


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 #240 *Out of the Depths* AUS TIEFER NOT

VOLUNTARY

Sonata in A Major
Con moto maestoso poco a poco piu animato
(Out of the Depths of Woe)

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

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

H. Eugene Farlough, Jr. (1938-1996)
Get-to-stepping out into the world, where God is preceding you. Get-to-stepping into the church, make it the church of Jesus Christ. Get-to-stepping outside of yourselves and be people for others. And now may the Justice of God and the Liberation of Jesus Christ, and the Militant Action of the Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and forevermore. Right on. **Amen.**