

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.

Birth Announcements - The population of UPC's nursery is ever-expanding. We give thanks to God for the safe arrivals of Quinn Nokoseh Miller and Cadarius Washington. Quinn is the son of Adam and Paige Miller and brother of Kai. He arrived on Sunday, October 25 weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19.5" tall. Cadarius is the son of Tiffany Washington and the grandson of Carla Hall. He was born on Thursday, October 15 weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19" tall.

Boogie on the Belle - We are are grateful to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Tuscaloosa for the invitation to join them on their "Boogie on the Belle" and for their willingness to contribute a percentage of the proceeds of this event to the Deacons' Food Pantry. Thanks to Pat Dunbar and Annabel Stephens, Ron and Lydia Gilmer, Linda and Phil Grote and Denise Yanaura for representing UPC at this gathering.

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.

Festival of the Earth - UPC celebrates the gifts of the earth each and every fall, and this year's Festival of the Earth is set for Sunday, November 22. Please gather outside of the front door to the sanctuary and bring a "gift of the earth" along with canned foods and plastics bags to give to the Deacons' Food Pantry. The congregation will enter the church together singing praises to God and presenting their offerings on the tables in front of the chancel area. Lunch will follow the worship service in the fellowship hall where 2010 pledge forms will be given to God's glory and shared with members of the Stewardship, Finance and Personnel Committee.

A Service of Lessons and Carols - UPC's tradition of Lessons and Carols will continue this year with a service on Sunday, December 6, 5 p.m. Come and celebrate the story of God's promise and Christ's birth, and sing familiar Advent, Christmas and Epiphany hymns. A covered dish dinner will follow in the fellowship hall. The first meeting of this fall's "Belonging to God" group will take place in the church library immediately after dinner.

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 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: Joanna Biermann, Brock Fisher, Kendall French, Quincy Hall, Bill Henderson, Jessi Hitchins, Charlotte Lawson, 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 13th-14th**- Officers Retreat, **November 22nd**- Festival of the Earth, **December 6th**- Lessons and Carols.

Attendance - October 25—44+ 5 nursery, November 1- 35 + 1 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

November 8

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Steve Borrelli
Ushers Becki Evans and Vanessa Llera

Welcomer Julia Hartman
Greeter Garry Warren

November 15

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Linda Grote
Ushers Julia Hartman and Denise Yanaura

Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Mary Helen Martin

Lectionary Readings

November 8

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Ps. Heb. 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15

1 Sam. 1:4-20
1 Sam. 2:1-10
Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Let us Pray....

Ginny Hartman, Paige Miller, Quinn 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

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| <u>Sunday</u> | 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:00 Worship | <u>Wednesday</u> | 11:30 Stewardship, Finance and Personnel Comm. mtg. 1:00 Worship Committee mtg. 5:30-7:00 Choir rehearsal |
| <u>Monday</u> | 6:00-8:00 Westminster Fellowship | <u>Friday</u> | 4:00-8:00 Officers' Training 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | 10:30 Staff meeting 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30-3:30 Food Pantry 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous | <u>Saturday</u> | 9:00-2:00 Officers' Training |

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. 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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*“University Presbyterian Church is a More Light Congregation,
an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

November 8, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Robert Hobby

MEDITATION *The Book of Common Prayer*
Lord our God, in Jesus Christ you have taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbors as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 95:1-2
O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

***HYMN PH #479** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

CONFESSION OF SIN
Holy God, standing before you is like facing a bright light or standing in front of mirror. We feel naked and exposed, and yet because of your grace in Jesus Christ, we are not ashamed. Because your arms are open to us, we are able to open our arms to one another and to our neighbors. We know that you know us better than we know ourselves and that you knit us together in our mother's womb. You created the world and called it good, and we are among your creations. Forgive us for thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought to think and for hanging on when you summon us to let go. May this act of worship be holy, acceptable and pleasing in your sight so that your glory may be proclaimed in the church and the world.

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 Steve Borrelli

FIRST READING Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 (OT p. 243)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 127
Happy are they who fear the Lord, and who follow in the ways of the Lord!
You shall eat the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
Your partner shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table.
The one who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed.
The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
May you live to see your children's children; may peace be upon Israel.

SECOND READING Hebrew 9:24-28(NT p. 224)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Unless the Lord the House Shall Build* attr. Freeman Lewis
(Bourbon)

SERMON *Once and Again* Ron Gilmer

***HYMN SNC #249** *Remembering with Love and Hope* LAND OF REST

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world, God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 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

***HYMN PH #422** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING
VOLUNTARY *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hazel Hulme
Please be seated during the closing voluntary as we give thanks to God for the gift of music.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING** 2 Corinthians 13:13
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Alleluia! Amen.