

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.

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley - The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley is set for this Thursday, November 19, at Chapel in the Pines in Birmingham. Steve Borrelli will serve as UPC's commissioner to this meeting. Please be in prayer for all who will attend this gathering.

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 before the service 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. Please bring a dish to share.

West Alabama AIDS Outreach - World AIDS Day is December 1, and there will be a service commemorating this occasion at Capstone Church at 5:30 p.m.

Deck the Halls - Gather at the church on Friday, December 4, at 2 p.m. to decorate the sanctuary in preparation for this year's Service of Lessons and Carols. Thanks to Mary Helen Martin for providing us with the leadership for this event, as we come together as the church family to deck the halls this Advent.

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 reception will follow in the fellowship hall. Please bring appetizers and desserts to share. 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.

Attendance - November 8—30+ 2 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 15

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Linda Grote
Ushers Julia Hartman and Denise Yanaura
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Mary Helen Martin

November 22

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Ann Webb
Ushers Cathy Andreen and Beth Riggs
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Kay Ellis

Lectionary Readings

November 15

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

November 22

2 Sam. 23:1-7
Ps. 132:1—12 (13-18)
Rev. 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

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

Sunday	9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:00 Worship	Tuesday	10:30 Staff meeting 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30-3:30 Food Pantry 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
Monday	6:00-8:00 Westminster Fellowship	Wednesday	5:30-7:00 Choir rehearsal
		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

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”*

November 15, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *They'll Know We Are Christians* Peter Scholtes

MEDITATION Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658)
*Strengthen us, O God, to relieve the oppressed, to hear the groans of the poor prisoners,
to reform the abuses of all professions, that many be made not poor to make a few rich;
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.*

OPENING SENTENCES Malachi 1:11
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
My name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.
Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN PH #263 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

CONFESSION OF SIN
Holy God, we give thanks that you are with us. Your law reminds us of your grace. Slaves we were in Egypt until Moses led us through the sea. On Mount Sinai, you gave commandments, which convict us of our sin. In our selfishness, we carve graven images. We worship other gods and worship ourselves, and yet the towers that we build fall. As sinful as we are, you become flesh and dwell among us teaching us to love as Christ loves. In your mercy, you forgive us when we ask. For this, we pray. For this, we are grateful. Thanks be to God!

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 Linda Grote

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 4:1-20(OT p. 247)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Mark 13:1-8
As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and large buildings!"
Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."
When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"
Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.
When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.
For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of birth pangs.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-25(NT p. 224)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Jubilate Deo* Alice Jordan
(Sing with a Voice of Joy)

SERMON *A Single and the Same* Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #446 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

* 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



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 SNC #241 *Sing! A New Creation* EBENEZER

VOLUNTARY *Praeludium und Fuge in G Major* Johann Krebs
*Please be seated during the closing voluntary as we give thanks to God for the gift of music.
The Worship Committee asks that you show your appreciation for the musicians
by some way other than clapping.*

*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.