

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 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.

Festival of the Earth - UPC celebrates the gifts of the earth each and every fall, and this year's Festival of the Earth is today. 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 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.

Lectionary Bible Study - The Lectionary Study Group will not meet this Tuesday, November 24. We will resume on December 1, and will devote two sessions to the coming of John the Baptist as presented in Luke's Gospel.

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 15- 43 + 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 22

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

November 29

Communion Mary Helen Martin
Reader Joanna Bierman
Usher Rob Spencer
Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeters Vicki and Lennon Cox

Lectionary Readings

November 22

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

November 29

Jer. 33:14-16
Ps. 25:1-10
Thess. 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

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

<u>Sunday</u>	9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:00 Worship	<u>Tuesday</u>	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. 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 22, 2009— 11:00 a.m.
Reign of Christ
Festival of the Earth

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Chester Alexander

Our high standard of living comes from energy resources from the earth.

O Lord, make us aware.

With only 4.5% of the earth population we, in the US, use 25 % of the earth's energy resources.

O Lord, make us aware.

In the next 20 years the use of energy in the US is expected to grow about 20% and about 70% globally.

O Lord, make us aware.

Less than 2 percent of our present energy use comes from renewable sources.

O Lord, make us aware.

The use of fossil fuels for energy produces about twice the amount of carbon dioxide that can be absorbed by natural processes.

O Lord, make us aware.

Atmospheric Carbon dioxide contributes to global warming, causing major adverse effects, including reduced biodiversity.

O Lord, make us aware.

Driving a typical car one mile produces about 1.25 pounds of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

O Lord, make us aware.

The demand for bio-diesel fuel drives the cost of cooking oil up to the point where it becomes unaffordable in developing countries.

O Lord, make us aware.

Our cars now run using ethanol produced from food that humans need.

O Lord, make us aware.

Our politicians have most of this information, but have done little to address these energy and environmental issues.

O Lord, make us aware, and give them courage.

*HYMN PH #455

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CONFESSION OF SIN

from *The Book of Common Worship*

Most gracious God, according to your wisdom, deep waters are opened up and clouds drop gentle moisture. We praise you for the return of planting and harvest seasons, for the fertility of the soil, for the harvesting of the crops, and for all other blessings which you in your generosity pour on this nation and people. Give us a full understanding of your mercy, and lives which will be respectful, holy, and obedient to you throughout all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Ann

Webb

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 Samuel 23:1-7(OT p. 299)

PSALM

Psalm 132:1-12

Lord, remember David, and all the hardships he endured;

How he swore an oath to the Lord and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

"I will not come under the roof of my house, nor climb up into my bed;

I will not allow my eyes to sleep nor let my eyelids slumber;

Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jearim.

Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before God's footstool.

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy.

For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed.

The Lord has sworn an oath to David, and in truth will not break it:

"A son, the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne."

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8(NT p. 245)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Song of Thanksgiving

Joseph Roff

SERMON

So It Is To Be

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #555

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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 PH #473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God

S. Karg-Elert

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

Nehemiah 8:10

Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Hallelujah! Amen.