

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 announcements to Carolyn MacVicar at upsa@bellsouth.net.

Merry Christmas! - Christmas is not an event but a festival during which the church celebrates that God fulfills promises. The church's Christmas celebration begins on Christmas Eve and concludes with Epiphany, which is January 6.

Service of Ordination and Installation - A Service of Ordination and Installation will take place on Sunday, January 10, when the church remembers the Baptism of the Lord. Please be in prayer for Jamie Campbell, who will be ordained to the office of elder, Rachel Walker, who will be ordained to the office of deacon, Annabel Stephens and Lena Prewitt, who will return to active service on the session and Pat Dunbar, who will return to active service on the diaconate.

January Deacons' Lunch - Thanks to the diaconate for continuing the tradition of having monthly lunches. The next deacons' lunch will take place on Sunday, January 10, following the service of worship.

Mission Statement - The session has set in motion a process to help the church revisit its mission statement. This fall, we welcomed former pastors back to lead Sunday School classes related to this process. Then, at the officers retreat in November, the congregation's leadership delved more deeply into the process. At the January deacons' lunch, the congregation will be invited to offer thoughts and feelings around this subject. Please give thought and prayer to who we are as a congregation and who you feel that God is calling to become.

Session - The session's next stated meeting will take place on Thursday, January 21, at 5:30 p.m. Please be in prayer for those who will be serving as elders this year.

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley - Please pray for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley as the search for the next Executive Presbyter begins and pray for Thomas Evans and his family, as his service as Executive Presbyter of Greater Atlanta begins in late January.

Attendance - December 6-42

January Birthdays- January 11- Vanessa Llera, January 12-Grace Millender, January 17-Sara Clements, January 21-Tanya Davis, January 31-Heather Lietch

Sunday Assignments

December 27

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Nancy DuPree
Ushers Julia Hartman and
Denise Yanaura
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Pat Dunbar

January 3

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Gillie Presley
Ushers Ruthie Sherrill and
Denise Yanaura
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Ann Webb

Lectionary Readings

December 27

1 Sam. 2:18-20, 26
Ps. 148
Col. 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

January 3

Jer. 31:7-14
Ps. 147:12-20
Eph. 1:3-14
John 1: (1-9) 10-18

Let us Pray....

Lois Field, Shirley Burnett, Tabatha Jarnagin, Anna Gordon, Danielle Rabel, Ginny Hartman, Paige Miller, Quinn Miller, Jared Dearing, Torry Ryan, Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky, James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, Robert Robinson, 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

Monday Office Closed

Tuesday Office Closed
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday Office Closed

Thursday Office Closed

Friday Happy New Year-Office Closed
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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Heekyung Lee, Intern

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

December 27, 2009- 11:00 a.m.
1st Sunday after Christmas

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

MEDITATION

Ulla Monberg

*God who is with us at our beginning and ending,
Be with us now, help us to find you in the chaos of our lives.
Let your light shine in our darkness so that we may be guided to walk in your ways,
All the days of our life.*

OPENING SENTENCES

Colossians 3:16-17

Let word of Christ dwell in you richly;

Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;

With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God.

Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, on that night in Bethlehem, you were faithful to your promise to Israel. You were faithful to your promise to us, even though we are unfaithful to our promises to you. During Advent, we remembered a world into which the Messiah had not yet come. Now we celebrate his coming. Forgive us for acting as if he has not come, for ignoring your Spirit's presence in the church and the world. Help us look to a world ruled by grace, mercy and peace where justice and compassion rule the hearts of all of your children. In Jesus' name and for Christ's sake we pray.

*HYMN PH #41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

He Came Down

John Bell

He came down that we may have hope,* He came down that we may have hope,* He-
came down that we may have hope,* Hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.
*peace, joy, love, life

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy DuPree

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26(OT p. 246)

PSALM

Psalms 148:1-14

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.

Praise the Lord, all you holy angels; praise the Lord, all you heavenly hosts.

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars.

Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created.

The Lord made them stand fast forever and ever and gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, obeying God's will;

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

Rulers of the earth and all peoples, rulers and judges of the world;

Young men and women, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the name of the Lord only is exalted, and the splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.

The Lord has raised up strength for the chosen people and praise for all loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Luke 2:41-52 (NT p. 59)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Chanticleer's Carol
Adam Miller, Tenor

Vernon Hoyle

SERMON

In Daylights, Sunsets, Midnights and Cups of Coffee

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #37

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Parent, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

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

Franz Schubert

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'rand might. — might. —
Heav-en and earth are full — full — of — your glo - ry. Ho-
Bless-ed is he who comes — in the name of — Lord. — Ho-
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Franz Schubert

Dy - ing you destroyed our death. Ris - ing you re - stored our life.
Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry, Lord — Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

LORD'S PRAYER

Please begin, "Our Mother and Father God, who art in heaven..."

AMEN

Franz Schubert

A - men, 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 #57

The Snow Lay on the Ground

VENTE ADOREMUS

VOLUNTARY

*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

from *The Book of Common Worship*

Christ is born! Give him glory! Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him! Christ is now on earth! Exalt him! O earth, sing to the Lord! O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified. **Amen.**

Please note that there will be no "Response" effective this Sunday.