

## 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. **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.

**Realizing the Dream** - The Martin Luther King, Jr. Realizing the Dream Committee exists to raise consciousness about injustice and promote human equality, peace and social justice by creating educational opportunities for growth, empowerment and social change so that every person may experience the bounty of life's abundant possibilities. This year's schedule of events includes: Performing Arts Presentation "Driving Miss Daisy" at Theater Tuscaloosa, April 23-May 2; a Unity Breakfast at Beulah Family Life Center on Monday, January 18, 7 a.m.; a Unity March from Martin Luther King Elementary School on Monday, January 18, noon; and Rally at First African Baptist Church on Monday, January 18, 6 p.m. For more information, please visit: <http://realizingthedream.ua.edu/>.

**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 have been called to active service.

**Service of Witness to Resurrection** - A Service of Witness to the Resurrection in celebration of the life and legacy of Joseph Pascal Stone, Jr., will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2 p.m. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. If you would like to help with the reception, please contact Margie Harris.

**Reception for Thomas Evans** - Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley Executive Presbyter has accepted a call to serve as Presbytery Executive of Greater Atlanta beginning this month. Sheppards and Lapsley will be saying goodbye to Tom with a reception at the presbytery office on Sunday, January 24, 3-5 p.m. If you would like to participate, please contact Ron Gilmer.

**UA Church Music Conference** - The University of Alabama's Church Music Conference will take place January 29-30 in the Moody Music Building. The first place winner in the scholarship competition will perform along with UPC organist Faythe Freese and other UA faculty in *Lifting Up Our Voices and Instruments in Song* on Friday, January 29, 7:30 p.m. Then, on Saturday January 30, the conference will conclude with an organ concert by Stephen Tharp with music by Jeanne Demessieux and others. For more information, please visit: <http://music.ua.edu/2010-university-of-alabama-school-of-music-church-music-conference/>.

**For the Bible Tells Me So** - UPC has been invited to participate in an interfaith gathering at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Tuscaloosa on Thursday, February 4, at 6 p.m. The group will watch and discuss *For the Bible Tells Me So*, a film that explores how people of faith understand Scripture and sexuality. The film, which was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival in 2007, features commentary by Rep. Richard Gephardt, The Rev. Peter Gomes, Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

**Deacons' Lunch** - The next deacons' lunch will take place on Sunday, February 14, immediately following the service of worship.

**That All May Freely Serve** - That All May Freely Serve is a group within the PC(USA) that works with More Light Presbyterians and Covenant Network toward changing ordination standards in the church so that all may freely serve. This group is offering scholarships for Presbyterians between the ages of 18 and 30 to attend the General Assembly meeting in Minneapolis, MN, July 1-10. For more information, contact Ron Gilmer or visit <http://www.tamfs.org/>.

**Attendance** - January 3—35, January 10—46 + 4 nursery

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

## Sunday Assignments

### January 17

Communion Nancy DuPree  
Reader John Whitehead  
Ushers Mary Meares and Ann Webb  
Welcomer Paige Miller  
Greeter Becki Evans

### January 24

Communion Paige Miller  
Reader Suzanne Alexander  
Ushers Jeff Naidoo and Jamie Campbell  
Welcomer Julia Hartman  
Greeter Torry Ryan

## Lectionary Readings

### January 17

Isa. 62:1-5  
Ps. 36:5-10  
1 Cor. 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

### January 24

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Ps. 19  
1 Cor. 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

## 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 Stone, Robert Robinson, 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<br>10:15 Coffee Hour<br>11:00 Worship                          | <u>Thursday</u> | 5:30 Session Meeting     |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study<br>1:30-3:30 Food Pantry<br>8:00 Narcotics Anonymous | <u>Friday</u>   | 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous |
|                |   | <u>Saturday</u> | 2:00 Memorial Service    |

## Elders

Steve Borrelli  
Jamie Campbell  
Nancy DuPree  
Linda Grote  
Gillie Presley  
Lena Prewitt

Robert Spencer  
Annabel Stephens  
Garry Warren  
Ann Webb

## Deacons

Pat Dunbar  
Robert DuPree  
Paige Miller  
Torry Ryan  
Rachel Walker

## 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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Faythe Freese, Organist  
Heekyung Lee, Intern

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

**January 17, 2009– 11:00 a.m.  
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**

## THE GATHERING

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VOLUNTARY** *Scherzo* Robert Powell

**MEDITATION** Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Lord, I am taking a stand for what I believe is right. The people are looking to me for leadership, and if I stand before them without strength and courage, they will falter. I am at the end of my powers. I have nothing left. I have come to a point where I can't face it alone.*

**OPENING SENTENCES** Psalm 116:12-13

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?  
**We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

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

### CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, your justice flows like water, your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We confess our sin and the sin of the world. We demand justice for others and mercy for ourselves, because we are reluctant to judge ourselves by the same standards by which we judge others. When we judge our neighbors, we act as if we are you, and in so doing, our sense of justice becomes parched and streams of righteousness become dammed. When at last we are hungry and at last we thirst for mercy, we give thanks for the bread and wine that is served at Christ's table. We beg for crumbs, and you give us finest wheat. We beg for water, and you give us wine. Such generosity we do not deserve. Your grace is truly amazing. We celebrate your willingness to forgive us, even as we pray to be redeemed through the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

**KYRIE** arr. Healey Willan, 1930



### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GLORIA** Thomas Keesecker



## THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** John Whitehead

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 62:1-5 (OT p. 692)

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 36:5-10

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humans and beasts alike, O Lord.**

How priceless is your love, O God! Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

**Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

**SECOND READING** John 2:1-11(NT p. 93)

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *We Gather at Your Table, Lord* Traditional Irish Melody

arr. Walter Ehret

**SERMON** *From Reluctance to Abundance* Ron Gilmer

**\*HYMN PH #513** *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD

**\* 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 God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome to the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Alleluia! 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 serving the bread, it is appropriate to say, "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven." When serving the cup, it is appropriate to say, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

**\*HYMN PH #563** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* LIFT EVERY VOICE

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING** Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**VOLUNTARY** *Voluntary in Eb* Robert Powell

*Please be seated during the voluntary and give thanks to god for the gift of music.*