

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.

"Justice-What's the Right Thing to Do?" -the Spring Adult Christian Education program will host a series of classes entitled "Justice -- What's the Right Thing to Do?", based on a best-selling book, website, and lecture series by Harvard Professor Michael Sandel. This program will begin at 9:30 AM each Sunday and run through mid-May. The series will include discussion of several different perspectives on "doing the right thing" throughout history, and how they can be applied to current issues such as stem cell research and affirmative action, as well as everyday life and faith. Everyone is welcome to participate; *you do not need to have read the book or viewed the website (www.justiceharvard.org) in order to join the class, and you can benefit from each class session without having attended the previous ones.*

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 this afternoon from 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 17 - 35+ 5 nursery, January 10 - 46 + 4 nursery

January Birthdays- **January 11**- Vanessa Llera, **January 12**-Grace Millender, **January 17**-Sara Clements, **January 21**-Tanya Davis, **January 29**-Nicole Varnado, **January 31**-Heather Lietch

Sunday Assignments

January 24

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Suzanne Alexander
Ushers Jamie Campbell and
Jeff Naidoo

Welcomer Julia Hartman
Greeter Torry Ryan

January 31

Communion Mary Helen Martin
Reader Paige Miller
Ushers Mary Helen Martin and
Kendall French
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Lydia Gilmer

Lectionary Readings

January 24

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

January 31

Jer. 1:4-10
Ps. 71:1-6
1 Cor. 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Let us Pray....

Craig Davis, 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

Sunday	9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:00 Worship 12:00 Stewardship, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting 5:00 Living River Committee mtg.	Tuesday	11:30 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30-3:30 Food Pantry 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
		Thursday	5:30 Pres. House Residents' Council Meeting
		Friday	8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Elders

Steve Borrelli Robert Spencer
Jamie Campbell Annabel Stephens
Nancy DuPree Garry Warren
Linda Grote Ann Webb
Gillie Presley
Lena Prewitt

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. 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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Ron Gilmer, Pastor
William Henderson, Director of Music
Faythe Freese, Organist
Heekyung Lee, Intern

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

January 24, 2009- 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Thy Holy Wings* Benjamin Culli

MEDITATION Satish Kumar
*Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.*

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 100:1, 2, 5
Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing.
For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

***HYMN PH #403** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

CONFESSION OF SIN Anonymous
Forgive, O Lord, what we have been. Direct what we are, and order what we shall be, for Thy mercy's sake.

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, gloria in excel-sis De-o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Suzanne Alexander

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (OT p. 436)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 19
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
Can people tell how often they offend? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING Luke 4:1-13 (NT p. 61)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Psalm 19: God's Glory Fills the Heavens (Creation)* Franz J. Haydn

SERMON *Lead Us Not...But Deliver Us* Ron Gilmer

***HYMN PH #81** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

*** 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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Charles Callahan

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 #172** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

*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

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