

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.*

Thank you—The Stone family would like to extend their sincere and heartfelt appreciation to members and friends of University Presbyterian Church for their presence and help in delivering a wonderful memorial service and reception for Joe. The event was a perfect tribute that we will always remember with joy and humility.

Deacons' Meeting - Please be in prayer for Robert DuPree, Pat Dunbar, Paige Miller, Torry Ryan and Rachel Walker, who are serving on the Diaconate this year. Their next meeting will take place this Thursday, February 4, at 11:45 a.m.

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. A covered dish dinner will be part of the event so please bring a dish to share.

Called Meeting - A Session meeting has been called for Sunday, February 7, immediately after worship for the purpose of receiving candidates for membership.

Ash Wednesday - Our Lenten observance will begin with a service of worship on Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 17 this year. The service will begin at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to serve as a reader for this service, please contact Ron Gilmer.

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley - The next of meeting of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley is set for Thursday, February 18, 9:30 a.m., at Auburn Opelika Korean Presbyterian Church. Lena Prewitt will serve as UPC's commissioner to this meeting. Steve Borrelli will serve as the alternate. Please be in prayer for all who will participate in this gathering.

Session Meeting - The Session's next stated meeting has been set for Thursday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m.

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/>.

Memorial—In memory of Joseph P. Stone from Robert Cargo.

Attendance - January 17—35+ 5 nursery, January 24—40

February Birthdays—2/7-Nathan Morgan, 2/9-Pam Reynolds, 2/11-Mary Helen Martin, 2/16-Hugh Lee, 2/17-Lena Prewitt, 2/18-Judy Conn, 2/22-Shirley Burnett, 2/23-Lois Field, 2/29-Margie Harris.

Sunday Assignments

January 31

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

February 7

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Mary Meares
Ushers Becki Evans and Vanessa Llera
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Garry Warren

Lectionary Readings

January 31

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

February 7

Isa. 6:1-8(9-13)
Ps. 138
1 Cor. 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Let us Pray....

Phil Grote, 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

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Coffee Hour
11:00 Worship

Thursday 11:45 Deacons' Meeting

Friday 3:30 Institute for Spiritual Leadership Formation
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday 12:15 Called Session meeting

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. 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: Wednesday 8-1 and Thursday 8-2

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

January 31, 2010– 11:00 a.m.
4th Sunday after the Epiphany

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

MEDITATION

Achan Chah

*Do everything with a mind that lets go.
Do not expect any praise or reward.
If you let go a little, you will have a little peace.
If you let go a lot, you will have a lot of peace.
If you let go completely, you will know complete peace and freedom.
Your struggles with the world will have come to an end.*

OPENING SENTENCES

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

For now we know only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*HYMN PH #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, we confess the dimness of our vision. In this dimness, we are impatient and unkind. In this darkness, we are envious, boastful, arrogant and rude. Forgive us for insisting in our own ways, for being irritable, resentful and not able to bear much. Help us to grow up, to put an end to childish ways and to know you more fully. Complete us, O God, in faith, hope and love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, for he is the light of the world.

KYRIE

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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paige Miller

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10(OT p. 698)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

SECOND READING

Luke 4:14-30(NT p. 61)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON

On Rage and Outrage

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

* 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

*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 #377

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*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

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