

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.

Called Meeting - A Session meeting has been called for immediately after this service of worship for the purpose of receiving candidates for membership.

Souper Bowl of Caring - Thanks to all who contributed to this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. In 2009, \$262.45 was received during this event. All of your contributions will support the work of the Deacons' Food Pantry.

Deacons' Lunch - Please join us for lunch in the fellowship hall immediately after this service of worship. Chili, both vegetarian and otherwise, will be served. Contributions to the Deacons' Food Pantry are welcome. Thanks to the Diaconate for their service to the church and the community.

State Sales Tax on Groceries and Over-the-Counter Medicine - The Alabama Legislature soon will be considering bill that would remove the sales tax on groceries and over-the-counter medicine. Please contact your legislature to encourage discussion of this subject. Addresses of representatives are provided on the table inside the front door of the sanctuary.

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.

Presbyterian World Mission - PC(USA) World Mission Director Hunter Farrell will be in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley for its next stated meeting and will be at Tuscaloosa First on Friday, February 19, 11:30-1 p.m. for lunch and a presentation. If you would like to attend this gathering, please let Ron Gilmer know by Ash Wednesday, February 17. Lunch is \$6. Farrell has been asked to speak on the subjects of what it means to be a missional church and how the PC(USA) is responding to the circumstances in Haiti.

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.

Kenya - The Tuscaloosa cluster of PC(USA) congregations will gather at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, February 24, at 6 p.m. Dinner, which costs \$6, will be served, and the program will include an update on Sheppards and Lapsley's partnership with churches in Kenya. Please let Ron Gilmer know if you plan to attend by Sunday, February 21.

The Taffetas - Capstone Theatricals will present *The Taffetas* at the Bama Theatre on Wednesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m. John Whitehead's brother Ed is the General Manager/Producer of this group. Tickets are \$21 for most adults, \$16 for seniors and students and \$12 for children 12 and under. For more information, contact the Capstone Theatricals Office at (205)657-3442.

First Presbyterian Chapel Choir - Please mark your calendar for Sunday, February 28. First Presbyterian Church's Chapel Choir will be singing during worship at UPC. The group includes Lydia Gilmer and grandchildren of Chet and Suzanne Alexander and Ruthie Sherrill.

Attendance - January 31 – 49+ 5 nursery, February 7 – 40 + 4 nursery

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

February 14
Communion Robert Spencer
Reader Norm Baldwin
Ushers Brock and Maria Fisher
Welcomer Steve Borrelli
Greeter Mary Helen Martin

February 21
Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Annabel Stephens
Ushers Cathy Andreen and Beth Riggs
Welcomer Paige Miller
Greeter Kay Ellis

Lectionary Readings

February 14
Exod. 34:29-35
Ps. 99
2 Cor. 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36(37-43)

February 21
Deut. 26:1-11
Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16
Rom. 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Let us Pray....

Nirmala Erevelles, Cristalle Ford, 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 Washington.

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Coffee Hour
11:00 Worship
12:00 Deacons' Lunch
Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday 5:30 Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday 5:30 Session 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. 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 9-1
Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary. Office Hours: Wednesday 8-1 and Thursday 8-2

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William Henderson, Director of Music

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Heekyung Lee, Intern

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

**February 14, 2010– 11:00 a.m.
Transfiguration of the Lord**

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Borrelli

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on Ratisbon

Benjamin Culli

MEDITATION

2 Corinthians 4:6
*God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!"
is the same God who made light shine in our hearts
to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ.*

OPENING SENTENCES

2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 16-18

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

*HYMN PH #75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy One, to pray for forgiveness is to act with great boldness. Like Moses looking out on the Promised Land, we know that we have not yet arrived and that you are a God who is with and beyond us. Lead us, we pray, into the Promised Land. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now we know only in part; then we will know fully, even as we have been fully known. Rip open the veil, as we repent of our sin and the sin of the world. Transform us into the image of Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray now and forever.

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

Norm Baldwin

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Exodus 34:29-35 (OT p. 81)

PSALM

Psalms 99

The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble; the Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

Let them confess the name of the Lord, which is great and awesome; the Lord is the Holy One.

"O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and fall down before the footstool of the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, they called upon you, O Lord, and you answered them.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship upon God's holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING

Luke 9:28-43 (NT p. 69)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Transfiguration

Joel Martinson

SERMON

Changing Faces in the Face of Change

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

* 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!*

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

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 #462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

*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

*We All Believe in One True God
Please be seated during the voluntary and give thanks to God for the gift of music.*

J.S. Bach