

News and Information

Welcome - Welcome to University Presbyterian Church, a More Light congregation within the PC (USA)'s Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsely. Established during the Civil Rights Movement, this church has been committed to social justice from the beginning. As a congregation within the PC (USA), we believe that "Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission to the world, for its building up, and for its service to God" (*The Book of Order* G-1.0100b.). Believing that the Spirit of God calls women and men to all ministries of the Church by virtue of our Baptism, we, with other More Light congregations, seek full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the PC(USA). For more information about the life and work of this congregation, please contact Ron Gilmer (rongilmer@aol.com).

Announcements - At the beginning of the service, all are invited to make announcements of common concern. When possible, please submit announcements to Carolyn MacVicar via email at upsa@bellsouth.net by the Wednesday before the Sunday that you would like the announcements to appear among these announcements. If you choose to share this information as an announcement at the beginning of the worship hour, the Session asks that you be as succinct as possible.

Follow Us on Facebook and Twitter - If you are on facebook, please join the University Presbyterian Church group. Also, please note that UPC is now on twitter. Follow us @uauopc. UPC Updates are posted there along with other announcements of concern to the congregation.

Westminster Fellowship - We welcome Westminster Fellowship to UPC, as we give thanks for students who are gifted, and feel called, to lead us in worship. Westminster Fellowship is led by Tuscaloosa First Associate Pastor James Goodlet and Intern Barrett Abernethy, who plans to begin work on an M.Div. at Austin Theological Seminary this fall. During the Prayers of the People, the Keever Harris Award, which is named for UPC's first Pastor Robert Keever and charter members Tennessee and Margie Harris, will be presented to two deserving students.

Living River - Our Presbytery is in the midst of a campaign to build a camp and conference center on the Cahaba River, about an hour from Tuscaloosa. UPC's campaign will conclude the following Sunday, May 2, with each and every person in the congregation being given an opportunity to commit financial support to Living River, which will serve the body of Christ in central Alabama soon and for years to come.

Congratulations - Congratulations to Julia Hartman, who is the recipient of this year's Karen LaMoreaux Bryan Environmental Award, and to Norm Baldwin, who is the recipient of this year's Lahoma Adams Buford Peace Award. The award is granted annually to a UA faculty member who in his/her teaching, research, practice and professional life has demonstrated exceptional levels of involvement in mediating human disputes, helping overcome prejudice, promoting justice and establishing peace.

Lectionary Bible Study—The Lectionary Bible Study will not meet Tuesday, April 20. We will meet again on Tuesday, April 27.

It's Cool in the Furnace - First Presbyterian Church's Chapel Choir will present *It's Cool in the Furnace* at First on Wednesday, April 21, 6 p.m. This group includes Lydia Gilmer and the grandchildren of UPC members Chet and Suzanne Alexander and Ruthie Sherrill.

Book & Media Sale - Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 15, and spread the word: UPC is holding a book and media sale to support the work of the Deacons' Food Pantry, which is currently running at a deficit. If you have books, CDs, DVDs and/or video games that you would like to donate to the sale, you may start bringing them to church now. Please place the books and media that you bring underneath the pews in the fellowship hall.

Congregational Survey - The Session has approved a congregational survey that will help us to reflect on the Spirit's work among us in the areas of worship, music, education and involvement in the church and the work, and this survey is available now. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/fqqpxrz.

Church Directories - Please check the contact information for you that is provided in the church directories. If the information in the online directory needs updating (or entered there for the first time), please contact Adam Miller (admmlr@aol.com). If changes need to be made to the hardcopy edition of the directory, please let Carolyn MacVicar know (upsa@bellsouth.net).

Westminster Fellowship - UPC provides meals for the Westminster Fellowship college student group that meets at the church on the first and third Mondays of the month. A sign-up sheet is provided on the bulletin board in the hall. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Questions? Contact Steve Borrelli.

April Birthdays—April 3-Patrick Laney, April 5- LaRue Whitehead, April 13-Rebecca Evans, April 17-Annabel Stephens and Betsy Rand, April 19-Marie Stone

Attendance - March 28—39+ 5 nursery, April 4 —64 + 8 nursery

Sunday Assignments

April 18

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Brock Fisher
Ushers Mary Meares and
Jessi Hitchins
Welcomer Julia Hartman
Greeter Becki Evans

April 25

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Cathy Andreen
Usher Becki Evans and
Vanessa Llera
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Lydia Gilmer

Lectionary Readings

April 18

Acts 9:1-6(7-20)
Ps. 30
Rev. 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

April 25

Acts 9:36-43
Ps. 23
Rev. 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Let us Pray.....

Clyde Wood, Gianna Nicolosi Guthrie, Nancy Hutton, Sue Spencer, Nirmala Erevelles, Cristalle Ford, Phil Grote, Craig Davis, Lois Field, Shirley Burnett, Anna Gordon, Danielle Rabel, Ginny Hartman, 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
11:00 Worship

Wednesday 6:00 Choir rehearsal

Thursday 11:00 Staff Meeting

Tuesday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

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: Wednesda 3:45-5:00
Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary, Office Hours: Tuesday 8-10, Wednesday 8-1 and Thursday 8-2

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Faythe Freese, Organist
Heekyung Lee, Intern

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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

**April 11, 2010– 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday of Easter**

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

MEDITATION

Janet Morley
O God whose beauty is beyond our imagining, and whose poverty we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we look at you without fear.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 105:1-5
Call on the name of the Lord in praise;
Make known God's deeds among the nations!
Sing to God with joyful songs;
Tell of God's wonderful needs.

*HYMN SNC # 147 *Christ Is Risen* W ZLOBIE LEZY

CONFESION OF SIN based on Psalm 30
Holy God, you have gathered us as one body. Now, we pray that you will lift us up, as we lift you up. From the depths of pride and despair, we cry out to be forgiven. Self-righteousness comes in many forms, and we confess that we think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think and less of our neighbors than they deserve. We give thanks that weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning, that we have nothing to offer but death, and that, in Jesus Christ, you give us resurrection. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon us. Holy God, be our helper. Turn our wailing into dancing. Put off our sack-cloth and ashes, and clothe us with joy. In the name and for the sake of the Messiah, we pray.

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

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-6 (NT p. 127)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Revelation 5:11-13
Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with a full voice,
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the sea and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 28:16-20 (NT p. 34)

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (St. Columba) arr. Mark Schweizer
(after J.S. Bach's Prelude 1 in C Major)

PROCLAMATION

Telling Our Story Gena Casey
Evan Miller
Quint Northen
Daniel Miles

*HYMN PH # 525 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM LORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Isaiah 65:17-25
For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit them; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord---and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent---its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord. 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

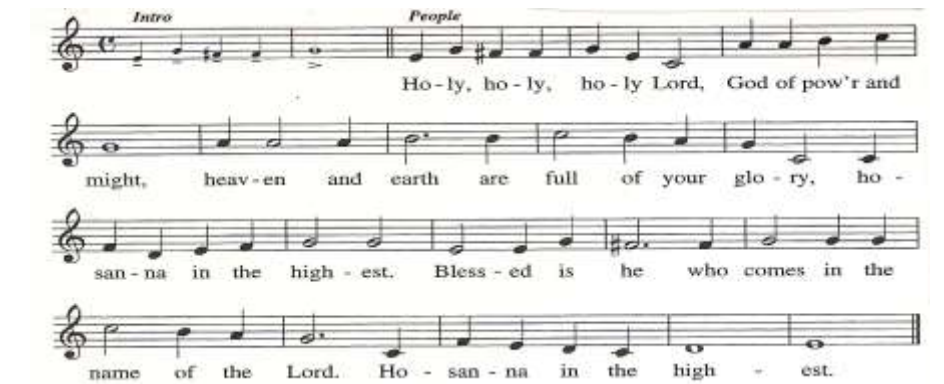
*DOXOLOGY PH #455 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
*All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise Creator, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

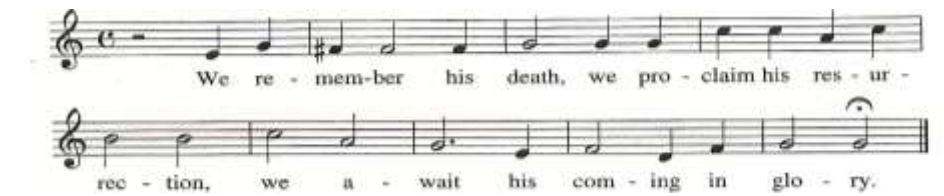
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SANCTUS

Curt Oliver



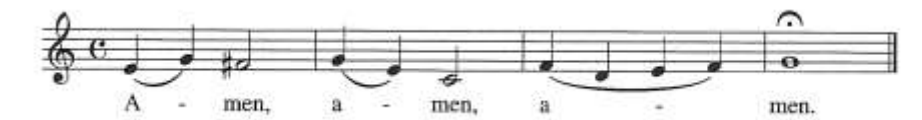
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



LORD'S PRAYER

Since the Scriptures refer to God both as a mother who will not forsake her nursing child and a as father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, the Lord's prayer, as it is prayed here, begins, "Our Mother and Father God..."

AMEN



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation is invited to gather around the Lord's Table and serve one another. When offering the bread, it is appropriate to say, "The body of Christ." When offering the cup, it is appropriate to say, "The cup of salvation."

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN PH #118 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

2 Corinthians 13:13
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection. Alleluia! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

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