

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2013

Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship. Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Gracious God, seeker of the lost: draw your children back to your loving embrace, restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons, and reconcile our hearts to you, that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Kyrie de Sancta Maria Virgene anonymous from the Buxheimer Oraelbuch, 15th century Germany

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

2 Cor. 5:16-21

From now on, brothers and sisters, we regard no one from a human point of view.

If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation: Everything old has passed away. See, everything has become new!

All of this is from God.

who is reconciled to us through Christ,

and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ.

God is making an appeal through us.

On behalf of Christ,

let us all be reconciled to God.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Our gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against heaven and against you.

In our stubbornness, we have gone our own ways, and failed to stay near you.

In our ingratitude, we have failed to remember how your righteous Son became sin on our behalf, to bring about our justification.

In our shortsightedness, we have neglected the message of reconciliation entrusted to us.

We acknowledge our sin, O God, for we cannot hide our iniquity.

We confess our transgressions, O Lord; set us free from all self-deceit.

Forgive the guilt of our sin, that we may be a joyous people, and praise you with loud cries of deliverance.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Change My Heart, O God

LUYH 61

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE GIO

Glory Be to the Father

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*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Ann Fayles

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 5:9-12 Page No.189

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Page No. 1006

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Page No. 908

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM I Will Love the Lord

MESSAGE What It Means to Be Prodigal Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH God's Great Love Is So Amazing see insert

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Amazing Grace Emma Lou Diemer

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 592
DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG What Wondrous Love Is This 85

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in Bb

Johann Pachelbel

*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for March 17: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

The Urban Mission item of the month for March is **canned fruit**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

The **Norman Ministerial Fellowship** continues to host a series of **Lenten services** at noon on Wednesdays. This week's service will be at First Christian Church, with Rev. Amy Venable preaching. Each service will be followed at 12:35 by a simple lunch (cost is \$5.00). An offering will be taken each week for the benefit of a local non-profit, Among Friends (Cathe Fox, Director).

The Norman Chapter of **Parents Helping Parents** will present "Anonymous Q & A" as part of its Parent Action Series on Thursday, March 14 at 7 PM at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: ParentsHelpingParents.info

Pastor Evans will be in St. Louis this Monday through Wednesday for a conference. In the event of a **pastoral emergency**, please contact a deacon or Rev. Melinda Clements (310-3444).

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service 4:30 P.M. – Deacons meeting

MONDAY March 11

7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality meeting

TUESDAY March 12

6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism meeting

WEDNESDAY March 13

3:30 P.M. - Kids Club

5:00 Р.м. - Children's Hand-Chime Choir

5:30 P.M. - Children's Choir

6:00 P.M. - Chancel Ringers

7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir

THURSDAY March 14

7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting 7:00 P.M. – Christian Education meeting

SUNDAY March 17

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. - Worship Service

5:30 P.M. – Stewardship meeting