



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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

*May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God direct us. May the shield of God defend us. May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us. May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore.
Amen. — Patrick of Ireland (389-461)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *When God Restored Our Common Life* Dale Wood

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As people formed by God, we give praise to God:

**Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!**

As people restored by God, we give praise to God:

**Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!**

As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:

**Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!**

*SONG OF PRAISE *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are
in our lives, in the church, and in the world.**

**We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ,
for you overturn our notions of power and protocol.**

Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others.

Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us.

Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.

**Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and
sacrifice.**

Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world,

with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE *Change My Heart, O God*

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

 You are the potter, I am the clay,

 Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE *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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 *When God Restored Our Common Life*

Glory to God, 5

John 12:1-8

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

MESSAGE

Anointing

Tracy L. Evans

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We thank you, O God:

Response: You are making all things new.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Joe Utterback

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Toccata Duodecima

Georg Muffat

*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 24: *Palms*: Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; *Passion*: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14 – 23:56 or Luke 23:1-49.

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 Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Sami Chaaya 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).

Articles for the **April Messenger** are due this Friday.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday (also known as Passion Sunday), the beginning of **Holy Week**. Sunday's worship will include a traditional waving of the palms at the beginning of the service. Join us for a special worship service with communion on Maundy Thursday at 7:00. Easter Sunday, March 31, will include a potluck breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt for the children at 9:30, and an uplifting service of worship at 10:55. We have a need for wrapped candy and/or filled Easter eggs for the hunt. They need to be at the church before Wednesday, March 27.

SUNDAY**March 17**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study at FPC

TUESDAY**March 19**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session meeting

WEDNESDAY**March 20**

- NO Kid's Club: Spring Break
- 6:00 P.M. – Chancel Ringers
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**March 21**

- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting

SUNDAY**March 24**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Passion/Palm Sunday
- 5:00 P.M. – Lenten Study at FPC