



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 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

*Faithful God,
you have blessed us with the
inheritance of grace
that we might live as people of justice,
righteousness, and peace.
Stir in us your power and fill us with
the love of Christ,
strong and true,
that we may be always eager to serve your
promised reign of peace. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, stir up your might and come to save us!

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Let us worship God!

*SONG OF PRAISE *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

God of hope, we confess

our disregard of your care . . .

our doubt of your providence . . .

our blindness to signs of your love.

We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;

we separate ourselves from you and from others

and foster divisions between those you love.

Help us to amend our lives

and make us your faithful people

who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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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

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Luke 12:49-56

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Thanks be to God.

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*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 August 25: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.

The Urban Mission item of the month for August is **macaroni & cheese**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Visitors and members are invited to **stay a few minutes after the service** to enjoy fellowship and greet one another. Refreshments will be offered.

Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, August 22 at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. Guest speaker Assistant District Attorney Kristi Johnson will discuss how juveniles and adults who face substance abuse charges are processed through the judicial system, including an overview of drug court and how it changes lives. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info.

Movie Night: On Sunday evening, August 25 (time and place TBA) we will have an outing to see *The Butler*, a film based on the real-life story of Eugene Allen, an eyewitness to notable civil right events in the 20th century during his 34-year tenure serving as a White House butler. The cast stars Forest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey and an ensemble of many well-known actors. This movie has received much positive criticism, and promises to be a wonderful experience.

SUNDAY**August 18**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:00 P.M. – Fellowship and Greeting Visitors

5:30 P.M. – Stewardship meeting

TUESDAY**August 20**

7:00 P.M. – Session meeting

WEDNESDAY**August 21**

7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY**August 25**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

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10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

Time TBA – Movie Night