



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2014

*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

*Wild God of wilderness,
as we devote these forty days to you,
shape us by your Holy Spirit
into the image of Christ our Lord,
so that we may be ready, by your grace,
to confront the power of death
with the promise of eternal life. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Glory of These Forty Days

J. G. Walther

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey,
what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation,
how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad,
whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

*SONG OF PRAISE

The Glory of These Forty Days

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Lord God,
you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us
and the things that give us life.
You know our nakedness,
and you know our sin.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness.
Have mercy on us, we pray:
cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life,
and re-create us in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

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 March 16: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17.

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

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Tim and Jona Thiessen.

Join us in the fellowship hall, following worship, for award-winning chili and great fun, in our 2nd annual **Chili Cook Off!** Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries, as determined by donations given by attendees for youth camps and conferences.

We will have a mini **clean-up** session following worship next Sunday, to prepare the church for Easter. Pizza will be served; bring work clothes to change into if necessary. Many hands make light work!

The presbytery is organizing an afternoon at the **Red Hawks Baseball** game on Sunday, April 27, at 2:05 P.M. Tickets are up to \$12, depending on availability of seats, and **must be reserved today**. In the past, those attending the ballgames as a group have enjoyed the fellowship together!

The **Norman Ministerial Fellowship** is sponsoring a series of midweek Lenten services and lunches, beginning this Wednesday at noon, at McFarlin United Methodist Church. Next week, on March 19, Memorial will host the second service. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve lunch for about 125 people. For the full schedule of services, see the March Messenger.

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SUNDAY**March 9**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Chili Cook Off
- 5:00 P.M. – M. Y. Group
- 7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study at First Presbyterian

MONDAY**March 10**

- 6:30 P.M. – Worship & Music meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality meeting

TUESDAY**March 11**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Christian Education meeting

WEDNESDAY**March 12**

- 12:00 P.M. – Midweek Lenten service at McFarlin
- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**March 13**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible study in library
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting

SUNDAY**March 16**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Mini Clean-up Session
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study at First Presbyterian