



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 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

*Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news  
of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever.  
Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold,  
our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.*

GATHERING MUSIC      *In the Darkness of the Morning*      229  
v. 1 solo; v. 2 choir; v. 3-5 ALL SING

*Be Not Afraid*      243  
Cantor sings alone the first time

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!  
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*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*      591 (refrain)

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Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      *Fantasy on "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*      William H. Harris

PROCESSIONAL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The tomb is empty!

**Christ Is Risen!**

The soldiers have returned home.

**Christ Is Risen!**

The anger of the crowds is gone.

**Christ Is Risen!**

The time of grieving has ended.

**Christ Is Risen!**

Violence, fear, and death have disappeared!

**Christ Is Risen!**

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord!

**Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Loving God,**

**we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection  
but are caught in the worries of the world.**

**We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life  
but remain discontented, grumbling and anxious.**

**Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.**

**Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain  
than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.**

**Call us back to your ways, O God,**

**to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace.**

**In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. 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.**



SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Dale Wood

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

591 (refrain)

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

\*POSTLUDE

*Hail Thee, Festival Day!*

Robert Hobby

\*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 April 27: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

**The Urban Mission item** of the month for April is **dried or canned beans**. 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.

**Spring Clean-Up Day:** Please join us this Saturday morning as we clean up the church building and grounds beginning at 8:00 A.M.

The Norman Chapter of **Parents Helping Parents** will meet on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, located at 901 North Porter in Norman. The guest speaker will share information on opiate addiction and discuss the latest treatment strategies. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse among our young people (both adolescents and adult children). For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: [ParentsHelpingParents.info](http://ParentsHelpingParents.info).

The Fellowship and Hospitality committee will host a come & go **Women of the Church Tea** on Saturday, May 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. The theme will be "The Kentucky Derby" since the Kentucky Derby is held on May 3. We encourage everyone to wear their Derby hat to the tea. There will be sweets and finger sandwiches to nibble on as well as tea & punch to enjoy while visiting and socializing. Bring a friend—it will double your odds of having a smashing good time!

**SUNDAY****April 20**

- 9:30 A.M. – Potluck Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**TUESDAY****April 22**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session meeting

**WEDNESDAY****April 23**

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

**THURSDAY****April 24**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SATURDAY****April 26**

- 8:00 A.M. – Spring Clean-up Day

**SUNDAY****April 27**

- 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
- 5:00 P.M. – Memorial Youth Group