



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Ever-present God,
you never leave us.
Help us to stay with you
when we are tempted to flee,
and keep us seeking after
that which is true,
that all may know
that you are the Lord, our God,
a tenacious presence
in whatever our reality.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least
(I'LL FLY AWAY)*

Mark Hayes

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to God for God's mighty works.

Rejoice in God always.

Let us worship the God of peace and understanding.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Eternal God,
as our ancestors exchanged the glory of the Lord
for the image of a golden calf,
so we exchange the blessings of covenant relationship
for temporal pleasures and seeming security.
We exchange the intimacy of prayer—the gift of joy in your presence—
for the diversion of things and activities that can overwhelm us.
We exchange lives of honor and righteousness
for disobedience, faithlessness, and greed.
God of mercy, forgive us.
Guide us to respond to you in faith
and live as your chosen people.**

*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

*We Are Forgiven
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Exodus 32:1-14
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

You Are Holy

MESSAGE

Gods of Our Making

Tracy L. Evans

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What does that little word "Amen" express?

"Amen" means:

This shall truly and surely be!

It is even more sure

that God listens to my prayer

than that I really desire

what I pray for.

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q129

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Aaron David Miller

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

For the Life That You Have Given

*POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Emma Lou Diemer

*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 October 19: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.

The Urban Mission item of the month for October is **peanut butter**. 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 Carl and Julie Forthman.

We will hold a **congregational meeting** immediately following worship to vote on the new officer nominations which the Nominating Committee has prepared. The nominees for Elders are: Jessica Farris, Kirk Forthman and Mike Girdner (Class of 2017). The nominees for Deacons are: Donna Vint (Class of 2016); Doris Hinson, Esau Jangha, and Joan Thraikill (Class of 2017). If you intend to nominate anyone else, please be sure to get their permission first.

This year's **CROP Walk** will be held on Sunday, October 19, starting with 1:30 P.M. registration at Food and Shelter Inc., 104 W. Comanche. You may sign up for the walk and receive sponsor envelopes each Sunday preceding the event. CROP Walk is a program of Church World Service, a cooperative ministry of 36 denominations providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries. Twenty-five percent of funds raised locally stay here in Norman to benefit Food and Shelter Inc., a non-profit agency that provides free meals and temporary family housing to those in need. By participating in CROP Walk, we are walking in solidarity with those who must walk miles every day for such basic necessities as food, water or medical care. We urge every member of Memorial to support CROP Walk through their prayers and participation—whether as a walker or as a sponsor.

The next **Sunday Matinee at the Movies** will be October 26. Depending upon availability, we will be seeing one of three films: *The Judge*, a comedy/drama which stars Robert Downey Jr. and Robert Duval; *The Good Lie*, a documentary about the lost children of Sudan; or *Men, Women, and Children*, a comedy/drama about parents attempting to deal with the effects of social media on family relationships. If you have a preference, please inform Harry Wright or the church office ahead of time.

Fellowship & Hospitality will host **Trunk or Treat** on Friday, October 31, 6:30-8:00 P.M. Our goal is to have fifteen trunks in our parking lot giving out treats. We are looking for volunteers to help with the snack tent, games & moon bounce, set-up, and clean-up. We are also requesting specific items for people to donate for this community event. There is a sign-up sheet near the playground entrance for these opportunities to help and serve. If you have any questions, please call or text Lisa Upton at 740-4227.

We will observe **All Saints' Day** on Sunday, November 2. We invite you to write the names of saints in your life on a white cloth that will cover the communion table during this service. The cloth will be made available for signing in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays in October. Following the All Saints' service will be the annual memorial service at the Columbarium for the remembrance of those there inurned.

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal. We give thanks for the beauty of the mountains, rivers and forests; for Christians who work together to serve the poor; for those who offer assistance during the many floods in Bangladesh and to the victims of arsenic contamination of drinking water; and for those who work for the rights of women and girls. We pray for a lessening of political unrest, violence and terrorism; for women, that they be respected and have dignity in their work; for children who must work to help feed their families, and girls who have been kidnapped or sold into the sex industry; for strength for those Christians who live as a minority amid Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu brothers and sisters; for those affected by frequent flooding, landslides, tropical storms and earthquakes; and for those who live as refugees, especially the stateless Rohingyas and others who are internally displaced, that they may find shelter, food and a means to make a living.

SUNDAY

October 12

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Congregational Meeting

TUESDAY

October 14

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

WEDNESDAY

October 15

- NO KIDS' CLUB
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds Meeting

THURSDAY

October 16

- NO BIBLE STUDY
- NO CHANCEL CHOIR

SUNDAY

October 19

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- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – M. Y. Group
- 1:30 P.M. – CROP Walk Registration
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting