



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Holy God,
you have made us in your image
and we belong to you alone.
Therefore we offer ourselves to you,
in service, love, and praise.
Use us for the glory of your realm
and the good of your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* Raymond Haan

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The glory of God is a consuming fire.

Who can see God's face and live?

Yet we have come to know the Lord
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

we have seen the face of God.

*SONG OF PRAISE *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* 666

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we are not ready for your holy realm.
We worship wealth and power,
forgetting that all things belong to you.
We seek places of honor and glory,
forgetting that glory is yours alone.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*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

Harry Wright

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Isaiah 45:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM	<i>We Are Marching in the Light of God Siyahamba</i>	Children's Choir
MESSAGE	<i>Finding Light in the Darkness</i>	Harry Wright
*SONG OF FAITH	<i>Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness</i>	314
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed		Hymnal, p. 35
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 35
THE OFFERING OFFERTORY	<i>Impromptu in E-flat major</i>	Franz Schubert
*DOXOLOGY DEDICATION PRAYER	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	606

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	37
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Concerto in D minor: Finale</i>	Bach/Vivaldi

*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 26: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46.

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 Paul and Erica Phelps.

CROP Walk will be held today, starting with 1:30 P.M. registration at Food and Shelter Inc., 104 W. Comanche. **M.Y. Group** will meet for lunch after worship before departing for CROP Walk. 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.

Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. Jim Riley, former Miami Dolphin and founder of The Jim Riley Outreach, will be the guest speaker. Since winning his battle with alcoholism in 1985, Jim and his wife Robin have dedicated their lives to helping those who are chemically dependent. Jim will share his own recovery story and will discuss program services that include sober living houses and outreach groups. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse in their (adolescents or adult) children. The group offers hope through shared experience, resources, and education. They promote prevention and intervention, collaborative efforts and increased access to information/services, and support. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info

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

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.

The deacons will host a **wedding shower** for Jessica Lynn Bender and Kirk Forthman on Sunday, November 9th, at 2:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Jessica and Kirk are registered at Kohl's, Pottery Barn, Macy's & Williams Sonoma.

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 India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. We give thanks for a rich history and culture that spans millennia; for those who work with the poor, refugees, orphans, the dying, and the hungry; for the apostle Thomas who founded a church in India; and for educational institutions and hospitals founded by Christian missionaries, which continue to serve all people irrespective of their religion, caste or creed. We pray for stable government, rule of law, the strengthening of human rights and the ability of different groups to work with one another; for Afghan refugees who live in Pakistan, internally displaced people, war victims and war widows in Sri Lanka; for reconciliation and peace between Pakistan and India, denuclearization and a reduction of the arms race between India and Pakistan, and an end to the threat of nuclear war; for peace and harmony among different ethnic and religious communities in these countries; for those who struggle to overcome grinding poverty; for all those who continue to be socially, politically, economically and culturally marginalized; for those affected by flooding, drought, environmental pollution, cyclones, and earthquakes; for sustained peace, harmony and reconciliation in Sri Lanka and the restoration of trust among the majority Sinhalese and the minority Tamils.

SUNDAY

October 19

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 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 at Food for Friends

MONDAY

October 20

- 6:00 P.M. – Personnel Meeting

TUESDAY

October 21

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

October 22

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

THURSDAY

October 23

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

October 26

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- Time TBA – Movie Matinee