



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*In life and in death you bless us, O God.
When trouble overwhelms us, you save us.
When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us.
When death overcomes us,
you overcome death and raise us to new life.
You promise us joy everlasting
and, even now, give us glad hope
and glimpses of your realm which is to come,
when Christ makes all things new.
For calling us your children,
and bestowing upon us such great love,
we give you thanks, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

By All Your Saints Still Striving

Percy Whitlock

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 34:1, 4; Rev. 7:10, 12

I will bless the Lord at all times.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

I sought the Lord, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Blessing and Honor

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we are not ready for your holy realm.
We want to be numbered among your saints,
but we are unwilling to face the time of trial.
We want to be gathered among the faithful,
but we are unprepared to offer you our lives.
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

1 John 3:1-3

*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 to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Doug Forsyth

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 34

Taste and See

Chancel Choir

Matthew 5:1–12

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MESSAGE

Among the Saints

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses:

Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith.

For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you—our grateful hymn we sing.

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses:

Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are—your precious children in this community of believers.

We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith.

For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward—accept our thankful cry.

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses:

Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift us—children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith.

For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Hugh S. Livingston Jr.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SUNG RESPONSE

Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy, holy, God of power, God of might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One, blessed is the One, blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

...Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

SUNG RESPONSE

Dying You Destroyed Our Death

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Dying you destroyed our death;

Dying you destroyed our death;

rising you restored our life.

rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Gerald Near

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

By All Your Saints Still Striving

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Give Thanks for Saints of Ages Past*

*POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

William H. Bates

*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 November 9: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

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

Ushers for today's service are Charles and Jan Johnson.

Communion servers for today's service are John and Susan Beck, Linda Eckel and Ann Fayles.

Following the worship service, you are invited to go to the **Columbarium** where we will hold a memorial service for those there inurned.

We will be passing out **stewardship packets** today. Please take yours home and prayerfully consider your financial support for this church in 2015.

The deacons will host a **wedding shower** for Jessica Bender and Kirk Forthman on Sunday, November 9, at 2:30 P.M., in the parlor. Kirk and Jessica are registered at Kohl's, Pottery Barn, Macy's, and Williams Sonoma. They will be married on December 13, 2014, at 1:00 P.M. All are invited to the wedding, here at Memorial. No RSVP required.

The Christian Education Committee, in conjunction with NAMI Oklahoma, is co-sponsoring a panel discussion on **Mental Illness and Criminal Justice**, Friday, November 14, 6:30-8:30 P.M. The program will begin with a viewing of selected scenes from a PBS Frontline® program, *The New Asylums*. The panel members, each from their own perspective, will respond to the issues raised in the video. The panelists will also interact with one another, and respond to questions from the audience. Panelists will be **Steven Buck**, Deputy Director, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; **Traci Cook**, Executive Director for National Alliance on Mental Illness (Oklahoma); **Emily Virgin**, Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 44; **Susan Sharp**, Ph.D., David R. Boyd Professor of Sociology, University of Oklahoma; and **Lt. Cary Bryant**, Crisis Team, Norman PD.

Fellowship and Hospitality will host a **Thanksgiving Pot Luck Lunch** after worship on Sunday, November 16. F&H will provide the turkey & gravy for this luncheon. We ask that you sign up to bring side dishes, breads, desserts, etc. Mark your calendar for this November social as we celebrate and give thanks for family, friends and our many blessings. If you have questions, contact Lisa Upton.

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 Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda. We give thanks for those who have given up their lives to protect others; for those who work for reconciliation between people; and for those establishing a lasting peace with justice for people of all ethnic groups and nationalities. We pray for orphans, widows, street children, traumatized and disabled people, those in overcrowded prisons, and those who live in the squalor of refugee camps; for those steeped in ethnic violence and hatred, that their hearts may be turned; for the establishment of a stable and lasting peace in the region; for those displaced by violence, that they may be able to rebuild their lives; for children, that they may attend school and play without fear of violence; and for an end to the violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo, so that the country may begin to heal and rebuild itself.

SUNDAY**November 2**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Communion
- 12:00 P.M. – Memorial Service at Columbarium

TUESDAY**November 4**

- 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. – Voting in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. – Christian Education Meeting

WEDNESDAY**November 5**

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – 50th Anniversary Celebration Planning Meeting

THURSDAY**November 6**

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

SUNDAY**November 9**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 2:30 P.M. – Deacons' Shower for Kirk & Jessica
- 5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group