



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2015

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness.*

*On this first day you began your new creation,  
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.*

*On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be  
joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory.*

*Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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Lani Smith

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.

**There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.**

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them God has set the world.

**The Lord will guard the feet of the faithful ones and judge the ends of the earth.**

Let us worship God!

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

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#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

**\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS**

**Gracious and Eternal God,  
we live in a very busy world,  
surrounded constantly by a myriad of images  
and a flood of words.**

**We find it hard to stop and notice the moments:  
the changing colors of trees,  
the brilliance of a crisp fall day,  
the laugh of a child,  
the cry of a friend who needs our ear, if only briefly,  
your still voice within that cheers and challenges  
and speaks words we may have forgotten,  
even the indifferent glance from someone who has written us off.**

**We live, O God, in a multitude of families,  
in which we have played the part of prodigal child, welcoming parent,  
resentful sibling, and sometimes simply good friend.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for turning our back on you and on those we are  
called to bless and be blessed by.**

**Forgive us our foolish ways.**

**Forgive us our hardened hearts.**

**Once more, call us back to your way and your words  
and your world of families which will one day  
be united into one family.**

**Hear us now as we silently open our heart to you.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER**

**\*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 One in the Spirit*

300, v.1

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored;  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Michael Yeager

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:26-28 and Genesis 12:1-4

Page No. 1 & 8

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Hurry Up! Time is Against Us*

Flora and Moume Ngom

(See Translated text in insert)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 12:46-50

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Siyahamba

MESSAGE

*Creating Family One Blessing at a Time*

Jim Burns

\*SONG OF FAITH

For the Beauty of the Earth

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

All the Saints Adore Thee

Jeffrey Blersch

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG            Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE                            Festival Peace on Nicaea                            Jerry Westenkuehler

\*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 22: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalms 132:1-12 (13-18); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for November is soup. 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 Jim and Linda Rodriguez.

Memorial Presbyterian Church now accepts **online donations** through a partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, via the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Look for the "Give Now" button on our website or scan the QR code on the pew card. Recurring or one-time donations may be made by credit/debit card or by direct transfer from your bank account (EFT). We will continue to accept cash and checks as well.

The Mission and Evangelism Committee is continuing its Fall project. We have discerned a need for clothing for many elementary-age children as winter approaches. If you can help, please purchase pairs of blue jeans, sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, or 14 (all regulars). Any questions may be referred to committee members: Kirk Forthman, Jan Johnson, Doris Hinson. Dave Iske, Eileen Burke, or Erica Phelps.

The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be hosting a Thanksgiving Pot Luck after worship **TODAY!** The committee will provide turkey, gravy and dinner rolls. We hope everyone will plan to stay and enjoy good fellowship and food.

In another month it will once again be time to ring the Salvation Army Red Kettle bells. This year Memorial will be ringing bells from 10AM to 8PM, on **Wednesday, December 2**. Be on the lookout for the signup sheet this month or if you cannot wait for the signup, email Paul Phelps at [pphelps1@cox.net](mailto:pphelps1@cox.net)

**SUNDAY**

**November 15**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Thanksgiving Pot Luck
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Committee

**TUESDAY**

**November 17**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**November 18**

- 3:00 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY**

**November 19**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds Committee

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- 5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group

*Hurry Up! Time is Against Us!*  
(English translation)

It's the beginning of a new day  
Wake up and praise the Lord  
who watched over you during the night.

You were sleeping like a corpse  
You didn't know where you were;  
Many of your enemies wanted you dead.  
Your knowledge, your strength, nor your riches couldn't help you.  
But your Lord and your God protected you.

It's the beginning of a new day  
Wake up and praise the Lord  
who watched over you during the night.

You had so many nightmares  
which took you all over the world.  
Darkness surrounded you and you were like a dead person.  
The hand of the Lord woke you up and gave you strength.  
You had new strength and life  
Praise God!

It's the beginning of a new day  
Wake up and praise the Lord  
who watched over you during the night.

See the birds of the air and all God's creation,  
They praise God every morning and give him thanks.  
You also do your part,  
Stand up, pray, sing, and praise the Lord your Shepherd.

Come and praise the Lord!