

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Grand Fantasia on “Joy to the World” Marc Cheban

 *Those who are able may stand.

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Mission Statement of Memorial Presbyterian Church
We are a servant people called to be the light of the world. We come together as members of one body to worship, study, fellowship, witness and serve. In response to God’s love in Jesus Christ, we promise to care for and support each other as we share God’s love with all people.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
1st Sunday After Christmas Day **December 27, 2015**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD
*God of truth and understanding,
source of all the wisdom we seek,
show us the wisdom of your Word
and teach us to abide in your way,
ever growing in grace and favor;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Plainsong Prelude on “Of the Father's Love Begotten” Charles Callahan

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP
This is the temple of the Lord.
We have come to seek God’s blessing.
This is the house of the Holy One.
We have come to praise God’s name.

*SONG OF PRAISE Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 119
 Nicholas Lindley, Trumpet

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS
**God of wonder,
you surround us with signs of your glory
and surprise us with your presence,
yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.
Forgive our dullness and make us alert
to the ways you make yourself known,
that we might be witnesses to your good news**

and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen			Emeralds nor rubies, silver nor gold; Neither bright diamonds, white-hard, bright-cold. Spangle not rich jewels like stars above; You'll have laughter, sweet peace-filled laughter, Simple warm laughter and love.		
*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.			MESSAGE	Christmas? Now What?	Tracy L. Evans
*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 FAITH	Go Tell it on the Mountain	136
*SONG OF RESPONSE Glory Be to the Father			581		
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES					
PROCLAIMING THE WORD					
PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING					
SCRIPTURE READING					
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.			Page No. 214		
Luke 2:41-52 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.			Page No. 833		
ANTHEM The Jesus Gift - Michael Yeager, handbells			Gilbert Martin		
Shall I gather emeralds, shall I bring him gold? Shall I shower diamonds, white-hard, bright-cold? Shall I spangle jewels like stars above? Give him laughter, bring peace-filled laughter, Offer him warm laughter and love.					
Simplest of gifts, gentlest of hearts; Kindness he'll use as he leads, So, Give him these gifts, hand him your hearts, Honor his birth and you'll need no					
			*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Adapted from the Confession of Belhar		
			SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS The Lord's Prayer		
			Hymnal, p. 35		
			THE OFFERING		
			OFFERTORY Go Tell It on the Mountain		
			John Behnke		
			*DOXOLOGY What Can I Give Him?... (as before)		
			DEDICATION PRAYER		
			FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD		
			*SENDING SONG Joy to the World Nicholas Lindley, Trumpet		
			134		
			*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

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Lola Carroll
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Paula Coffman
Janice Crump
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Jayelle Martin
Devyn Upton
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Cory Beck (John Beck's brother)
Mary Jean Beck (John Beck's mother)
Gail Bender (Jessica Forthman's mother)
Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)
Britany Clark (Daughter of Paul Upton's co-worker)
Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)
Michael Hernandez (Jayelle Martin's second cousin, once removed)
Clark Hollingsworth (son of John Beck's friend Charles Hollingsworth)
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Forsyth's cousin)
Keith Vermillion (PE teacher at Jessica Farris' school)
Jim & Linda Eckel

Family of Les & Phyllis Johnston
Andre Eyabi & Family
Family of Jane Garlett (Joe Garlett's sister-in-law)
Family of Michael Johnson (son of Charles & Jan Johnson and husband of Diana Johnson)
Family & friends of Sheri Aresco (friend of Rachel Bradley)
Family & friends of Kenny Comer

Birthdays
Dec. 27-Brooke (Thraillkill) Hesse
Dec. 30-Haley Williams
Jan. 1-Kerri Autry

Anniversaries
Dec. 27-Tim & Jona Thiessen
Dec. 30-Carl & Julie Forthman
Jan. 1-John & Susan Beck
Jan. 1-Joe & Jan Garlett
Jan. 1-Rob & Traci Cunningham
Jan. 2-Will & Jessica Farris

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Ghana, Nigeria:** Give thanks for the creativity, resilience and courage of uprooted people (refugees, internally displaced persons, migrants and stateless people). The human capacity to distill pain into something positive and beautiful. People who try to alleviate in various ways the hardship of people who have had to flee from their communities or countries because of war, civil conflict, human rights violations, genocide, natural disasters, and severe economic hardship. Churches, other institutions, and individuals who “adopt” a person or family and who help the newcomers to integrate into their new home. Those joining hands to create a world built on values of peace and love with justice.

Please inform the church office of any necessary additions or changes to this prayer list.

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

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

No Kids Club or Choir Wednesday, **No Bible Study** Thursday!

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