



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen. =

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

How Deep, How Broad, How High

BRINGING THE LIGHT

JOURNEY OF RENEWAL: MEANING AND PURPOSE

In this season of Lent we reflect on the meaning of our lives and on our journey of faith. The candles are burning now, but in the weeks to come the light will slowly fade to darkness. For in retelling the story of Jesus' betrayal, suffering, and death, we find that God brings transformation and new possibility out of darkness. We walk with Christ to the cross; letting go of all that holds us back from new life.

As we extinguish this light, we let go of our wealth. We let go of our constant need for more, the illusion that possessions make us self-sufficient, and admit our need for God.

(A candle is extinguished)

Creator God, remind us again that the world and all that is in it is yours. Teach us to relax our hold on possessions and to cling to you instead. Help us to use the gifts you've given us wisely, to share them generously, joyfully trusting in your abundance. Amen.

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day in which we seek a larger vision of God's mission and wider welcome for all God's children...

In which we put away old and destructive opinions, attitudes, and ideologies that degrade unity and threaten community.

This is the time in which we embrace the mystery and experience lives enlivened and transformed by God's unconditional love....

In which doubt, despair, division, addiction, and anxiety loose their hold on us and we find our liberation in boundless love.

This is the moment in which the desire and pursuit of justice and mercy replace the temptation of power, privilege and relevance....

In which we assume a posture of gentleness and humility as servants who are learning to yield, to begin, to return.

This is the season in which our desert spaces and wilderness wanderings will give way to spiritual energy, spiritual activity, and spiritual renewal. In this journey with Jesus, we discover that his wilderness is not our destiny; this struggle is not our permanent condition. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High 618

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Loving God, we come to you this day with open hearts for you know us, inside and out. We ask for your mercy and forgiveness as we acknowledge the ways that we have wandered from your path. In the face of uncertainty, despair, injustice, frustration, grief and poverty, we have sought meaning and purpose in things and beings other than you. We praise you and thank you for we know that you journey with us even when we diverge from your footpath. We ask you to restore the joy of your salvation in our hearts and minds as we continue to seek your purpose and your call in this season of renewal. Amen.

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales**

Give thanks for: The witness of saints and missionaries, who faithfully proclaimed the gospel to these and other lands. Ecumenical initiatives to bring Christians closer together. The work for justice and peace in which Christians join with others to imagine a better world. Centres of Christian renewal. Tartans, bagpipes and boys' choirs singing in ancient cathedrals. Poetry and song.

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

SUNDAY

February 14

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

WEDNESDAY

February 17

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

February 21

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 2:00 P.M. – Deacon Meeting

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

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**

Gloria Patri

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Rom 10:8b-13

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ps 91:1-6, 9-12

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Refrain

J. Michael Joncas

Luke 4:1-13

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE	Wilderness Companions	Tracy L. Evans
ANTHEM	I Want Jesus to Walk With Me	
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		
The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 16
THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	Lenten Contemplation	J. Coleman
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	592
DEDICATION PRAYER		
FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD		
*SENDING SONG	Be Thou My Vision	450
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*CHARGE AND BLESSING		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	I Will Call upon the Lord	
*POSTLUDE	Prelude on Slane	John Behnke

*Those who are able may stand.

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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 February 21: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalms 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for February is Green Beans. 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 Loreen Upton and Bre Upton .

You won't want to miss **next Sunday, as Elder Michael Yeager will be Preaching**

Plan to stay late after Worship **Today for the Chili Cook Off**. Stay and enjoy a bowl of chili made with love.

Lenten Study with Tracy Evans. Every Monday 2/15-3/21 from 7pm—8pm. The books are on order and will be \$5.00. Sign up sheet is on her office door.

Wednesday noon Lent Worship sponsored by **Norman Ministerial Fellowship begins on February 17**. Fliers are available for you to take home or to your workplace. This week **Host Church: Alameda Church of Christ** 801 Alameda St. Norman, OK , Host Pastor: Rusty Tugman, **Guest Pastor: James Taylor**
 Congregation: Christ's Church of Norman, Sermon Theme/Text: The Call of Peter (Luke 5:1-11)

There will be a **Deacons Meeting Sunday, February, 21st** at 2pm.

There will be a **Worship & Music Meeting Monday, February 22nd** at 6pm.

Tracy Evans will be at a **Synod conference in Dallas** this **Wednesday through Saturday**. Please contact one of the deacons if you have pastoral concerns.

Celebrate Black History Month by taking part in the **National African American Read-In at Norman West. Today, 2pm—4pm**. Join us as we explore the rich history of literature by African Americans and enjoy the music of soul and R&B duo Adam and Kizzie. At Norman West Library.