Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

You let us choose, O God, between you and the false gods of this world. In the midst of the night of sin and death, wake us from our slumber and call us forth to greet Christ, so that with eyes and hearts fixed on him, we may follow to eternal light. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Air (from Water Music) George Frederic Handel

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Choose this day whom you will serve.

We will love and serve the Lord.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Holy and gracious God,
you are all light and wonder and glory.
You are our strength and our delight;
you give us all we need to live.
Yet we are distracted by all that glitters,
continually grasping for more.
Rather than trust in your provision,
we chase after our own happiness.
Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.
Overwhelm us with your goodness
and cover us with grace,
for we know that you are the source of life,
the fount of all that is good.
In the name of Jesus we pray.
(Time of silent reflection)

*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 Glory Be to the Father 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Page No. 187

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Page No. 960

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Walk in the Light

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:1-13 Page No. 806

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE What Do We Need? Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH It Is Well with My Soul 840

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God brings justice to the oppressed

and gives bread to the hungry.

We believe that God

frees the prisoner

and restores sight to the blind.

We believe that God

supports the downtrodden,

protects the stranger,

helps orphans and widows,

and blocks the path of the ungodly.

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Minuet Stanley Westen

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG My Lord! What a Morning 352

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION Rejoice in Glorious Hope

*POSTLUDE Praeludia Franz Schmidt

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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 19: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for **November is pasta**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

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

Ushers for today's service are Karen and Paul Upton.

Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch today. Everyone is welcome to come for good food and fellowship.

We still need Salvation Army Red Kettle bell ringers for the **3-4 pm** time slot as well as the **4-5 pm** time slot on **Dec. 5**, to complete the Memorial Presbyterian volunteer's day of ringing. FYI: we will be ringing at the **east entrance of Dillards** at the Sooner Mall. Sign up by talking to **Paul Phelps**

405-310-3198 or pphelps1@cox.net. Thanks ahead of time for volunteering!

Coming Soon... Advent Retreat Saturday, December 2, 2017. Sign-up sheet outside of Tracy's office. More information on insert.

SUNDAY November 12

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. - Worship Service

12:00 P.M. – Thanksgiving Potluck

1:00 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

TUESDAY November 14

6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY November 15

3:15 P.M. - Kids' Club

4:00 P.M. - Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir

SUNDAY November 19

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

5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting



Finding Our Way Home: An Advent Exploration of Exile and Return

Memorial Presbyterian Church Saturday, December 2, 2017 9:00am-3:00pm

Through journaling, prayer, discussion, art and worship, this retreat will explore our own exiles and how to return to that settled place our hearts long for during the season of Advent.

Leader Carol Waters is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Clinton and First Presbyterian Church, Elk City. She is a spiritual director and enjoys leading spiritual retreats. She and her husband Mark Wesner live in Cordell and have both been active in the work of the presbytery.

Suggested donation of \$20. Please invite your friends to this event.