



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2013

*Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship.  
Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ  
you make all things new.*

*Long ago you called your church  
to a love beyond all social and cultural differences  
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit  
to open their hearts to enact such love.*

*Give us that same spirit of openness,  
that we too might discern new directions in our day  
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.*

*In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*O Holy City, Seen of John*

Charles Ore

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

**Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*O Holy City, Seen of John*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of mercy,  
your command to love one another  
across all differences  
opens us to new horizons,  
yet we often respond with fear and judgment  
that hinders your goal for humanity.  
Forgive our sins, we pray,  
and give us a true repentance  
that leads to life for all creation.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SONG OF RESPONSE      *Glory Be to the Father*

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\*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.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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John 13:31-35

The Word of the Lord.

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The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 16
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### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING		
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\*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 May 5: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 21:22–22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9.

**The Urban Mission** item of the month for April is **canned vegetables**. The items of the month for May will be cereal and dried milk. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

The session has called a **congregational meeting** for today, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain approval to re-allocate funds that were originally designated for A New Face on 24th (fund 222-11; Building Campaign) in the amount of \$20,174.00 to the Capital Improvement Campaign (fund 222-10), so that a portion may be used for the repair of the faceted-glass windows.

You're invited to **Movie Night** this afternoon at 5:00. We will see the movie "42" at the Warren Theater in Moore, and then join in fellowship at Freddy's (by the theater).

**New Sunday School Class:** Beginning Sunday, May 5th, in the Library at 9:30 A.M., a new book study will begin. The publication to be discussed is *The Ten Commandments from the Back Side*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. "The Back Side" means looking at the Ten Commandments from a different perspective than we have in the past. Kalas asserts that these Commandments suffer from bad press — i.e., that many have tried to convince us that God imposed these laws on us in order to keep us from enjoying life. He says that is not at all the case — the Ten Commandments are a gift from a loving God. Come and find out what he means.

Indian Nation Presbytery is hosting **family night** with the RedHawks at the Bricktown Ball Park on Friday, May 31 at 7:00 pm. The deadline to sign up is today. Tickets are \$8 and the sign-up sheet is by the church office.

**Tri-Presbytery gathering:** The Cimarron, Eastern Oklahoma, and Indian Nations Presbyteries will meet together at First Presbyterian Church, Norman, June 7-8. The registration deadline is May 24 and the cost is \$25 per person. More information will be in the forthcoming *May Messenger*.

**SUNDAY****April 28**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY****May 1**

- 3:30 P.M. – Kids Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Hand-Chime Choir
- 5:30 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY****May 2**

- 10:00 A.M. – Serve at Food for Friends

**SUNDAY****May 5**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service — Communion