



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 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

*Merciful Lord, in Christ we see
the lengths and depths to which you go
to save us.*

*Make us glad in our salvation,
so that we may share this good news
with friends and neighbors
and with all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Jean Langlais

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour,
that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness.
In judgment, illumine our darkness.
In mercy, bear us home—
until we recognize your presence wherever
evil is confronted,
truth is spoken,
and life is restored.**

[time for silent confession]

*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 *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* LUYH 114

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

I Timothy 1:12-17

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 15:1-10

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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 September 22: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

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

New email newsletter: Memorial is launching a new, mid-month, email newsletter. Its purpose is to supplement the Messenger with timely news, announcements and reminders. To sign up, go to our website, or contact the church office. We will not send you anything you do not sign up for. You may unsubscribe at any time. We hope you will enjoy this additional newsletter and find it useful.

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go **reception** for Wade and Amanda Forthman on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 2:00-4:00 P.M. This is a casual event and gifts are not expected. Wade and Amanda were married June 15 in Branson, MO.

Kids' Club begins its Fall schedule this Wednesday at 3:15 P.M. Please sign up using the forms available on the Kids' Club bulletin board in the hallway. Kids' Club is an after-school program on Wednesdays where kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy recreation, Bible lessons, crafts, music, and dinner. Transportation from school to church is available. Rev. Melinda Clements is the Kids' Club director.

Confirmation class will begin September 18! Rev. Tracy Evans will be leading the class on Wednesday afternoons, 4:15-5:00, in conjunction with Kids' Club. The group will include 6th-8th graders, but any are welcome to join us. We are using the *We Believe* curriculum, supplemented with other books and curriculum. There will be a retreat at Dwight in February, too. Karen Upton will be assisting with the class, which will conclude with attendees making a choice to confirm their baptismal vows by joining the congregation.

SUNDAY**September 15**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship meeting

TUESDAY**September 17**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session meeting

WEDNESDAY**September 18**

- 3:15 P.M. – First Kids' Club of Fall
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**September 19**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible study in library
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting

SUNDAY**September 22**

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