



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 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

*Faithful God, we give you thanks
that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us
with the richness of your glory
and the treasure of your grace.
Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts,
that we may show your love to this generation
and welcome us into your eternal home,
where we will worship and serve you forever;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Aaron David Miller

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!
**Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
**Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.**

*SONG OF PRAISE *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Gracious God, you know our sin:
We have squandered the gifts you have given us.
We have failed to forgive our debtors
as you have forgiven us.
We have been unfaithful and dishonest
in small things and great things alike.
We are shrewd in seeking wealth
and foolish in following your way.
Forgive our sins, O Lord,
for your name's sake.
Make us faithful stewards
of the grace you have given
and generous in forgiving others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*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

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Luke 16:1-13

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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 29: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

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

Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, September 26 at 7 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse in their (adolescents or adult) children. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info

The **deacons** ask you to sign notes of encouragement being sent to home-bound or ill members. You'll find them next to the information table in the hall.

On Friday, the Christian Education and Fellowship & Hospitality committees will co-host a showing of the documentary film, **The Dogs of Lexington**. Join us at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall as we learn about the inspirational program in which prisoners at Lexington Correctional Center train rescue dogs for placement with adoptive families.

We will have a **Pet Blessing** next Sunday at 4:00 P.M. in the courtyard. Bring your four-legged/winged/slithering family members to be blessed and meet your Memorial PC family, and stay for refreshments. Invite your neighbors, too! Neighbors may run free, but pets must be leashed or caged.

Ushers for today's service are Joan and Mike Cole.

SUNDAY**September 22**

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

MONDAY**September 23**

- 7:00 P.M. – Worship & Music meeting

TUESDAY**September 24**

- 6:30 P.M. – Nominating Committee meeting

WEDNESDAY**September 25**

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

FRIDAY**September 27**

- 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. – *The Dogs of Lexington*

SUNDAY**September 29**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 4:00 P.M. – Blessing of the Pets
- 5:00 P.M. – Memorial Youth Group