



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 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

*Eternal God,
you remain constant through all of our striving,
and patient with our ceaseless prayers.
We seek your wisdom,
yearn for your justice,
and crave your blessing,
for our own sakes and for the sake of the world.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of Christ, who prays with us. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* Helmut Walcha

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, with mercies that are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O God, and the source of all hope.

You are good to those who wait upon you, O God, and whose souls seek the Lord.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Let us worship God!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Gracious God,

**we confess that we do not meditate on your commands
and teachings all day long.**

**We do not keep your word before us always and in all things.
Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth
and wander toward easier options.**

Forgive us, we pray,

for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.

Forgive us for growing weary in following you;

for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice;

**for losing hope in your power to transform the
powers of this world.**

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.

Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.

Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever.

We pray in Christ's name. 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

Gloria Patri

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 18:1-8

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sing a Jubilant Song

MESSAGE

Persistence, Impatience and Will

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

Lord of All Good

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SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Fugue in C major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* 538

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Processional in E-flat major* David Johnson

*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 October 27: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

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

Ushers for today's service are Lucy Lanning and Michael Yeager.

Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, October 24 at 7 p.m. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. Harold C. Urschel, III, MD, a nationally-recognized addiction psychiatrist and NY Times bestselling author of *Healing the Addicted Brain* will be the special guest this evening. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse in their (adolescents or adult) children. Call 405-278-1221 for additional information or go to the website: parentshelpingparents.info.

All men of the church are invited to a **Men's Potluck Breakfast** on Saturday, November 2, at 8:30 A.M. In addition to good food and fellowship, we will have a chance to hear our own Charles Johnson speak on the always timely subject of the Bill of Rights. Bring a friend!

SUNDAY

October 20

- 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

WEDNESDAY

October 23

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

THURSDAY

October 24

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SUNDAY

October 27

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