



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 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

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us; you are the hope of the world. Give us strength, that we might serve you; make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 65:5–8

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;

**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and
of the farthest seas.**

By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

**Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your
signs;**

**you make the gateways of the morning and the
evening shout for joy.**

*SONG OF PRAISE *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and
strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of you holy name.**

*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

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

ANTHEM

Break Forth with Jubilant Music!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:31-36

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A LITANY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

260, v. 1

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

260, v. 2

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks and the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

260, v. 3

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!
**God is exalted among the nations;
God is exalted in the earth.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

260, v. 4

MESSAGE IN DRAMA "So Close to God; So Far from Each Other"
Acts 13:38-39; Romans 3:19-28

Martin Luther—Vince Leseney; John Calvin—Kirk Forthman;
Pope Paul III—Michael Yeager; and Narrator—Tracy Evans

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church,

Nicene Creed

**the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints.**

Apostles Creed

This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal,
because it contains the chosen of all ages,
of all realms, nations, and tongues,
be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles,
who have communion and society with God the Father,
and with the Son, Christ Jesus,
through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

Scots Confession

**We believe that,
from the beginning to the end of the world,
and from among the whole human race,
the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word,
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself,
in the unity of the true faith,
a congregation chosen for eternal life.**

Heidelberg Catechism

The Church is an assembly of the faithful
called or gathered out of the world;
a communion of all saints,
namely, of those who truly know
and rightly worship and serve

Second Helvetic Confession

the true God in Christ the Savior,
by the Word and Holy Spirit,
and who by faith are partakers in all the benefits
which are freely offered through Christ.

The visible Church,

Westminster Confession of Faith

**which is also catholic or universal under the gospel,
consists of all those throughout the world
that profess the true religion,
together with their children;
and is the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ;
the house and family of God.**

The visible church has the privilege
of being under God's special care and government;
of being protected and preserved in all ages,
notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies;
and of enjoying the communion of saints,
the ordinary means of salvation,
and offers of grace by Christ, to all members of it,
in the ministry of the gospel,
testifying that whosoever believes in him shall be saved,
and excluding none that will come unto him.

Larger Catechism

The church's commission,

Theological Declaration of Barmen

**upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message
of the free grace of God
to all people in Christ's stead,
and therefore in the ministry
of his own Word and work
through sermon and Sacrament.**

The church confesses its faith
when it bears a present witness
to God's grace in Jesus Christ.
The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
The church follows this pattern

Confession of 1967

in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.

**With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Brief Statement of Faith

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

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THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* Healey Willan

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

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FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *God, Bless Your Church with Strength!*

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Lord, You Bless with Words Assuring*

*POSTLUDE

Finale

Andrew Carter

*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 November 3: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 4:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10.

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

Ushers for today's service are Larry and Lisa Upton and family.

The **Affirmation of Faith** comes from the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is composed of excerpts from the Creeds, Catechisms, and Confessions of the PC(USA).

We will observe **All Saints' Day** next Sunday with a brief memorial service at the Columbarium following worship.

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 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

WEDNESDAY**October 30**

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

THURSDAY**October 31**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 6:30 P.M. – Trunk or Treat

SATURDAY**November 2**

- 8:30 A.M. – Men's Potluck Breakfast

SUNDAY**November 3**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service–Communion
- 12:00 P.M. – Memorial Service at Columbarium