



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 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

*Almighty God,  
through the Lordship of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
the powers and dominions of the world obtain their purpose,  
and creation finds its meaning.  
Reveal to the world the gracious rule of Christ,  
end all enmity among the nations,  
and bring us soon to his glorious, peaceable kingdom;  
through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Soon and Very Soon*

Cindy Berry

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

**We are the inheritors of the promises  
made long ago to our ancestors.**

Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

**From across the street, from halfway around the world,  
God brings us home to the heart of grace.**

Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

**Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers,  
we are those redeemed by God.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

150, Blue Hymnal

\*LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we thank you for the gifts of music and song through which we can offer you praise and thanksgiving, confession and lament, prayers and petitions.

**We thank you for the gift of this hymnal and for the way it has inspired our own songs over the last two decades, in times of joy and in times of sorrow.**

The worn covers remind us of the journey we have taken together.

**The familiar pages feel like home.**

These hymnals have been held by small hands and large hands,

**By young hands and old hands.**

These pages have enabled us to sing out to joy,

**And these pages have caught our tears.**

Today we say goodbye to this good friend, saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant,"

**Even as we look forward to discovering a new friend, to exploring our new hymnal that will lead our song for decades to come.**

Enable us to sing in one voice as your gathered people,

**And to join in harmony with all who worship you.**

By your grace, may our hymns shape our faith for years to come in ways that forever give glory to you, the Triune God.

**Amen.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Holy God,**

**we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives.**

**We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same.**

**We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christ-like in word, in deed, and in spirit. 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

*Glory Be to the Father*

Glory to God, 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Page No. 670

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Luke 23:33-43

Page No. 919

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*The King Shall Come*

MESSAGE

*What Kind of King?*

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Glory to God, 265

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Glory to God, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Percy Whitlock

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Glory to God, 606

DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG                      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*                      Glory to God, 268

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION              *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

\*POSTLUDE

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Wilbur Held

\*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 December 1: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44.

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

**Ushers** for today's service are Loreen Upton and Ann Fayles.

Today we will say "goodbye" to our long-time **hymnal** and introduce the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*. The Song of Praise will be sung from the blue hymnal, located in the hymnal rack. The other hymns will be sung from the purple hymnal, which can be found at each end of the pews.

Please join us at Warren Theater this afternoon for **Sunday at the movies**. We will attend the 3:35 showing of the film, *12 Years a Slave*, meeting in the lobby at 3:15 P.M. The movie gives an unflinching account of the true story of Solomon Northrup, a free man living in Saratoga Springs, New York, who was kidnapped and spent a dozen years as a slave in the South, wrongly accused of being a Georgia runaway. Following the viewing of the film, we will adjourn to Freddy's for conversation and ice cream.

The **church office** will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday. Information for next Sunday's bulletin and for the December *Messenger* must be received by Tuesday at noon.

The **Angel Tree** will be set up beginning December 1. Please take this opportunity to help give children with incarcerated parents a more joyful Christmas. Gifts must be brought to the church by December 18.

**SUNDAY**

**November 24**

- 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**

**November 27**

No Wednesday Night Activities

**SUNDAY**

**December 1**

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