



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014

*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

*God our helper, our shade, our protector,
you are able to give life to the dead,
to call into being things that do not exist.
We trust in your power to make all things new;
to keep us in sunlight and moonlight,
along rocky paths and pathways unknown;
until all our going and coming brings us at last
to your kingdom promised in Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

C. Hubert H. Parry

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 121:1, 5, 8

From where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper?

**The Lord is our keeper,
by day and by night.**

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

The God of Abraham Praise

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Gracious God, we come before you
in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely,
but we do not.
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace
in the family of faith.
In Christ's name we pray. 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

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 121

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

Hymnal, no. 45

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM	<i>His Name Was Jesus</i>	
MESSAGE	<i>How Can These Things Be?</i>	Tracy L. Evans
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		
The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 35
THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	Dale Wood
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	606
DEDICATION PRAYER		

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	215
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>Sonata 1 in C minor: Finale—Fugue</i>	Josef Rheinberger

*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 March 23: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.

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

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

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

Please stay after worship for a **mini clean-up session** to prepare the church for the ecumenical Lenten service and lunch on Wednesday, and for Easter. Pizza will be served.

This Wednesday at noon, Memorial will host the second in a series of **Lenten services and lunches** organized by the Norman Ministerial Fellowship. Father Scott Boekman of St. Joseph Catholic Church will preach on the topic of Monday in Holy Week. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Wednesday to help prepare and serve lunch. The series will continue next week with a service at Alameda Church of Christ.

The deadline to reserve **RedHawks tickets** for the April 27 game at 2:05 P.M. has been extended. Tickets are \$12.00 and should be ordered through the church office by next Sunday, March 23. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the hallway or call/email the office. Payment should be made to Memorial.

SUNDAY**March 16**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Mini Clean-Up Session
- 12:00 P.M. – Deacons meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study at First Presbyterian

TUESDAY**March 18**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session meeting

WEDNESDAY**March 19**

- 12:00 P.M. – Midweek Lenten Service at Memorial
- 3:15 P.M. – NO KIDS' CLUB—Spring Break

THURSDAY**March 20**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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