



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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

*Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see?  
Bring us again and again into your light until your ways  
become visible to us, and bear fruit in us.  
Touch us so that we are utterly changed,  
a "before" and "after," a "now" and "then";  
that we may also say, "One thing I do know,  
that though I was blind, now I see."  
Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.  
In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

Trey Clegg

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God does not see as mortals see.  
We look on the outward appearance;  
God looks on the heart.

**Jesus, Light of the World,  
give us eyes to see as you see!**

Once we lived in darkness, but now—  
as children of light, we are called  
to what is good and right and true.

**Jesus, Light of the World,  
give us eyes to see as you see!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Come! Live in the Light!*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of great mercy, we confess  
that we have sinned against you.  
We look at outward appearances  
and fail to see what pleases you.  
We look with judgment on others  
and fail to see our own sin.  
Forgive us, by your steadfast love.  
Create a clean heart within us,  
teach us your holy way,  
and restore the joy of salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*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

Ephesians 5:8-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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John 9:1-41

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	
MESSAGE	Now I See	Tracy L. Evans
SONG OF FAITH	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>	451
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS	Response: Lord in your mercy, <b>Hear our prayer.</b> The Lord's Prayer	Hymnal, p. 35
THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	<i>Rondo, from Sonata in C major, K545</i>	W. A. Mozart
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	606
DEDICATION PRAYER		
<b>FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD</b>		
*SENDING SONG	<i>Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound</i>	649
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE		
CHORAL BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata Prima</i>	Georg Muffat

\*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 April 6: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45.

**The Urban Mission item** of the month for March is **canned fruit**. The item for April will be dried or canned beans. 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 Kirk Forthman and Samuel McCann.

First Baptist Church will host this week's **Lenten worship service** and lunch—organized by the Norman Ministerial Fellowship—on Wednesday at noon. The guest preacher will be Rev. Doyle Prior of Bethel Baptist Church.

**SUNDAY**

**March 30**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study at First Presbyterian

**WEDNESDAY**

**April 2**

- 12:00 P.M. – Lenten Service at First Baptist
- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

**THURSDAY**

**April 3**

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

**SUNDAY**

**April 6**

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