



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*O God who knows our every need before we can even ask,
You provide all our needs and some of our wants.*

You bless us all.

*Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others
from the gifts you have given us,
for the glory of your name. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

When We Are Living

Hal Hopson

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our redeemer, we confess
that we remain captivated by sin.**

**You shower your blessing upon us,
yet we continue to complain.**

**You give us more than we deserve,
yet we resent your goodness to others.**

**Forgive us; liberate us!
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom;
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

We Are Forgiven
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:21-30
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Matthew 20:1-16
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

Worship the King, Our God

MESSAGE

Whatever Is Right

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

When We Are Living

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

But why are you called a Christian?
**Because by faith I am a member of Christ
and so I share in his anointing.
I am anointed
to confess his name,**

**to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,
to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil
in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ
over all creation
for eternity.**

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q32

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Three Ländler

Franz Schubert

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Christ Be Beside Me

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*POSTLUDE

Toccata Duodecima et Ultima

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 September 28: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

The Urban Mission item of the month for September is **hygiene products**. 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 John and Susan Beck.

M.Y. Group (Memorial Youth Group) will have its first meeting of the new school year on Sunday, September 28. We will meet from 5:00-6:30 P.M. Dinner will be provided. You are welcome to bring friends along. We will have a short devotion and then – LET THE GAMES BEGIN! If you have any questions, call or text Joan Cole: (405) 830-8389.

We are blessed to have new microphones for **recording the service** on CD and on our website. If you haven't checked this out before, go to www.memorialpres.org/WWW/services/ and select a service from the list—it's a great way to catch up when you have to miss a Sunday. A word to the wise: the new mics pick up every sound in the room—especially for those sitting at the rear of the middle section. Be careful what you say!

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine. We give thanks for priests, pastors and lay people who gave up their lives during communist oppression; for the long history of Christianity in these lands; for those Christians who consider as important the dialogue with other Christians from different confessions; for choirs that sing God's praises; for beautiful churches which announce the community of the faithful; for church bells, onion domes, deep bass voices chanting the psalms, and icons of the saints; and for those who work for democracy and openness in government. We pray for guidance, as these nations work to reconfigure political and economic structures; for compassion and integrity for all peoples in these nations with such diverse ethnic histories; for those who suffer from alcoholism, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and other life-threatening diseases; for the large numbers of people who now live in poverty and are unemployed; for revitalization of the churches after decades of official atheism; for those in Belarus and Ukraine who suffer from the continued effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster; and for those who struggle for democracy and truthfulness in the media.

Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse in their (adolescents or adult) children. The group offers hope through shared experience, resources, and education. They promote prevention and intervention, collaborative efforts and increased access to information/services, and support. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info

The **Urban Mission** presents the 2nd Annual Urban Mission—Urban Cowboy Musical Event on Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 P.M., featuring music, comedy, BBQ buffet, beverages, cash bar, and a silent auction. Individual tickets are \$50.00. Call the Urban Mission at 946-1556 or go to www.urbanmissionokc.org for information and tickets.

Fall Clean-Up is set for Saturday, October 4, beginning at 8:00 A.M.

On **World Communion Sunday**—October 5—we invite those who are willing and able to wear clothing representative of some of the many cultures from which we come.

Also on October 5, we will have a **Pet Blessing**, from 4:00-5:00 P.M. in the courtyard. All pets are welcome if secured on a leash or in a cage. Alternatively, you may bring a photo of your pet. Refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY

September 21

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Worship & Music Meeting

MONDAY

September 22

- 6:00 P.M. – Personnel Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

September 24

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

THURSDAY

September 25

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group