



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 4, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Creating God, source of truth and giver of life,
by your Word you brought all things into being.
Enlighten us by the power of your Holy Spirit
so that we may believe your Word made flesh
and receive the fullness of abundant grace;
through Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Jesus, the Light of the World*

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light.
Christ has come into the world, and yet we do not know him.
He has called us to be his own, and yet we do not accept him.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.
Shape us by your Word of truth, seal us with your Holy Spirit,
and let us live to show your glory;
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.

*RESPONSE 113 (refrain) *Gloria in excelsis Deo!* 113

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 Page No. 1017
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 1:1-5, 10-18 Page No. 922
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

MESSAGE *From His Fullness* Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 127
Jesus, the Light of the World

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What does it mean to believe that Jesus is truly a human being?
**Being truly human,
Jesus entered fully into our fallen situation
and overcame it from within.**

**By his pure obedience,
he lived a life of unbroken unity with God,
even to the point of accepting a violent death.
As sinners at war with grace,
this is precisely the kind of life we fail to live.
When we accept him by faith,
he removes our disobedience
and clothes us with his perfect righteousness.**

*Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism,
Question 34*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Before the Marvel of This Night
Michael Yeager, handbells

Carl F. Schalk

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

David Cherwien

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

The First Nowell

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The loving kindness of the Lord our God, the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior,
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Alleluia!

Go and tell this good news of great joy: to us a Savior is born.

Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*POSTLUDE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Emma Lou Diemer

*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 January 11: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.

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

Ushers for today's service are Bre Upton and Trey Neal.

Communion servers for today's service are Harry Wright, Donna Vint, Charlotte Lovett and Lucy Lanning.

Parents Helping Parents will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 8 at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter. Substance abuse often triggers obsessive, enabling behaviors in parents and other family members. Guest speaker Linda Morgan will discuss detachment as an important tool for coping, well-being, and recovery. Ms. Morgan serves as the Regional Marketing Coordinator for Santé Center for Healing in Argyle, Texas. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse among our young people (both adolescents and 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

Our new officers will be ordained and/or installed next Sunday. Jessica Farris, Kirk Forthman and Mike Girdner will serve on Session, class of 2017. The new deacons, class of 2017, will be Doris Hinson, Esau Jangha, and Joan Thrailkill; Donna Vint, currently serving in the class of 2014, will join the class of 2016. Congratulations to our incoming officers and our thanks to those who have served in the class of 2014: Ann Fayles, Doug Forsyth, and Karen Girdner (Session); Will Farris, Loreen Upton, and Donna Vint (Deacons).

The **Board of Deacons** invites you to join us immediately following worship on Sunday, January 18, 2015 as we gather in the Fellowship Hall to honor the members of our congregation who have reached **80 years** young and above. It would be helpful to have an approximate idea of how many will attend that day, so if you will be joining us, please call Terry in the church office at 329-3640 before Thursday, January 15, or indicate YES—you will attend—when you record your attendance on Sunday morning! The food and birthday cake will be fabulous and the fellowship of our congregation will be blessed by your presence! Everyone is welcome!

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 Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. We give thanks for Christians who practice their faith in countries where they are a small minority; for those who meet in house churches and those who provide links to

Christians worldwide; for Muslims who live up to the ideals of their faith and advocate tolerance and peace; for those who work for democracy and human rights; for the graceful architecture of minarets and the sounds of the oud; and for the art of these ancient cultures. We pray for peaceful relationships between different tribes, religions and ethnic groups; for those who come from other countries to work, and are separated from their families; for clean water for those who thirst in the desert; for women, who have far fewer opportunities for education and employment than do men; for those who are persecuted for their faith; for healing for wounded bodies and crushed spirits caused by conflict and strife; for Muslims who make the pilgrimage to Mecca, that they might be safe during their devotion; for the grieving, the families torn apart, the homes destroyed, the businesses no longer functioning; for an end to terrorism, lawlessness, and state oppression; and for international peace-keepers and monitors of treaty obligations.

SUNDAY

January 4

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Communion

12:00 P.M. – Worship & Music Meeting

4:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting

TUESDAY

January 6

7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting

THURSDAY

January 8

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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Installation of New Officers