



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Generous God, provider of our daily bread,
you give us rest in green fields
and satisfy our hungry souls.*

*Take the simple, meager gifts we bring
and transform them into a great feast
so that all good people may taste and see
the goodness of your coming realm;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Worship the King

Cindy Berry

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look to the Lord, for God is faithful,
giving us our food in due season.
Call on the Lord, for God is near,
ready to rescue us from danger.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made
NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
You are always faithful to us,
yet we pursue our own desires.
You are generous beyond measure,
yet we jealously hoard your gifts.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to comprehend
the height and depth and breadth
of your great love for all;
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

Dave Iske

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 5:1, 21-24

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Matthew 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

MESSAGE

Pick Up the Little Turtle!

Jennifer Kirbas

*SONG OF FAITH *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* 766
MC KEE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Apostles' Creed Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Intermezzo, from Sonata No. 4* Josef Rheinberger

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606
DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* 757
KINGSFOLD

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

*POSTLUDE *Prelude on MC KEE* Dale Wood

*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 August 2: 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for July is corn. 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 Karen and Kierstyn Upton.

Today we welcome **Jennifer Kirbas** to our pulpit. Jennifer is a 2015 graduate of Dubuque Theological Seminary where she earned her Master of Divinity degree. She moved to Oklahoma this past February coming here from Wheaton, IL., a suburb of Chicago. Jennifer is married to Paul, the Senior pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City. She has two sons, Jeff and Brad. Jeff is a recent Elmhurst College graduate where he majored in Music Business. Brad is in his final year at Loyola University and is majoring in psychology and philosophy. The Kirbas round out their family with Ginger, their 10 year old labradoodle and Gizmo, their 8 year old lop-eared bunny.

The Mission and Evangelism Committee is collecting **backpacks** for Norman elementary students in need of them. Please bring your donation of new or lightly used backpacks to the collection point near the southeast entrance.

We will enjoy a **movie night** in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 26 at 6:00 P.M. We will be showing *The Good Lie*, and hot dogs and popcorn will be available. This film is based on "The Lost Children of the Sudan." The four children featured are a composite of thousands of children who were orphaned after their village was massacred in the Second Sudanese Civil War. Consequently, they made an arduous and dangerous trek through the plains, enduring hardship, death, and sacrifice until they reached safety in a refugee camp in Ethiopia. Years later, these youths were among 3600 selected for resettlement in the United States. These young people had to adjust to an alien culture, as they dealt with their brutal past, as well as their future in a new country. Bring yourself, family members, friends and neighbors for fun, fellowship and discussion of the film.

The **Oklahoma Conference of Churches** is hosting a series of luncheon meetings with the theme "Getting to Know OCC." The Norman meeting will be held at First Christian Church on Monday, August 3. All are invited to attend. The event will start with check-in at 11:45 A.M., lunch and OCC presentation at noon, followed by a Social Justice Ministry Network workshop from 1:30 to 2:30 P.M. The lunch is free but there will be a request for donations as part of this program. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to William Tabbernee by email at wtabbernee@okchurches.org or by calling 405-525-2928.

We will be holding an indoor Garage Sale as a **fundraiser for Camps and Conferences** on August 15. Start gathering up those no-longer-needed items to benefit the church. Items may be brought to the youth room (old library). Items pre-marked with prices are preferred. Watch for the "volunteer" sign-up sheet for this event. Contact Lisa Upton or Donna Vint if you have any questions.

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 **The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.**

Give thanks for: The Caribbean Council of Churches. Warm seas and idyllic beaches. Calypso, reggae, plena, merengue, salsa, and all the new rhythms being created in these lands. Pepperpot stew, cou-cou, bananas, sweet potatoes, conch. Patois, Creole, Sranan, Bajan and other languages which fill these islands with meaning. **Pray for:** Political stability and ethical, honest leadership from those in power. Improved economic status for all peoples. An end to exploitation and oppression based on race, religion or rank. Church leadership, ecumenism, and tolerance. Improved health for all. Those affected by hurricanes and floods.

SUNDAY**July 26**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 6:00 P.M. – Movie Night: *The Good Lie*

MONDAY**July 27**

- 7:00 P.M. – Christian Education Meeting

TUESDAY**July 28**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY**July 29**

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**July 30**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SUNDAY**August 2**

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