



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of glory, at your command
the thundering skies fall silent
and the hills sing out with joy.
Open our hearts to your Word
and open our lips to proclaim
the good news of Jesus Christ,
in whose holy name we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I'll Praise My Maker

Charles Wood

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

For the stranger and the guest

the Lord prepares a table.

Every child of God is welcome

to share this feast of grace.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

I'll Praise My Maker

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Merciful God, we confess

that we have not followed your way.

**You call us to seek justice,
yet we abuse and ignore the poor.
You call us to show mercy,
yet we turn away from those in need.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us the wisdom and courage
to abandon our places of privilege
and to show our faith in action;
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	<i>Peace of God Be with You As-salaamu lakum (Sung twice, first in English, then Arabic)</i>	448
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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Page No. 527
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Mark 7:24-37 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Page No. 819
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MESSAGE	<i>Be Opened</i>	Tracy L. Evans
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*SONG OF FAITH	<i>For Everyone Born</i>	769
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

How do you live for the love of God?

I love because God first loved me.

God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends.

Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself.

**I live for the Lord who died and rose again,
triumphant over death, for my sake.**

**Therefore, I take those around me to heart,
especially those in particular need,**

knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 3

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

This Is My Father's World

Raymond Haan

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM

I Will Remember Thee

Jay Althouse

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.

...joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**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.**

...we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Élévation, from Messe Basse

Louis Vierne

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

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WELCOME TABLE

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

*POSTLUDE

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet

*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 13: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.

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 Carl and Julie Forthman.

Communion servers for today's service are Charles & Jan Johnson and Mike & Karen Girdner.

Memorial Presbyterian Church now accepts **online donations** through a partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, via the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Look for the “Give Now” button on our website or go to presbyterianmissionexchange.org and enter our church name in the search box. Recurring or one-time donations may be made by credit/debit card or by direct transfer from your bank account (EFT). We will continue to accept cash and checks as well.

Our east **parking lot** needs to be repaved. This project is estimated to cost approximately \$68,000. Session has authorized a capital campaign for the month of September, 2015, with the goal of raising this amount. The proposal we have is to patch areas of the lot that are bad with type C asphalt, mill the edges that need a smooth transition and for water drainage, clean and spray tack oil on existing pavement and then overlay the entire east lot with asphalt at a compacted depth of two inches. It also includes restriping all of the lots. There are about 100 parking spots in the east lot so we are asking people to “buy” or donate enough for one parking spot—\$680 each. Please prayerfully consider donating toward this much-needed repair.

Memorial will host a **Pet Blessing** on Sunday, September 27 at 4:00. This will be in the courtyard, weather permitting. All creatures are welcome, and should be on a leash or in a crate. If you can't bring your pet, or you wish to remember a deceased pet, please bring their photo.

Parents Helping Parents will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 10 at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter. Transforming Life Counseling Center therapist Kyle McGraw, LPC, LADC will be our guest speaker. Throughout his professional career, Mr. McGraw has directed interventions on those struggling with addiction and has helped family members restore their own health and well-being. Mr. McGraw will discuss family recovery, including insight on when to let go and when to take action. 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 405-278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info

SUNDAY**September 6**

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

MONDAY**September 7**

Church Office Closed for Labor Day

WEDNESDAY**September 9**

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**September 10**

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SUNDAY**September 13**

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