



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2015

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING HYMN                      *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*                      No. 730  
GRAND ISLE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      *For All the Saints*                      No. 326  
SINE NOMINE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are met in the presence of God,  
**And we do not meet alone.**  
With the angels in highest heaven,  
**We gather to worship the Lord.**  
With the saints of every age,  
**We gather to worship the Lord.**  
With the church throughout the world,  
**We gather to worship the Lord.**  
By children and babes at the breast,  
**God's holy name is praised.**  
With drums, sitars and trumpets,  
**God's holy name is praised.**  
In barrios and basilicas,  
**God's holy name is praised.**  
And here with our hearts and our voices,  
**God's holy name is praised.**  
We are met in the presence of God,

**And we do not meet alone.**

\*PRAYER

Generous God, you gave us our voices, no two the same,  
no finer instruments with which to praise you.

**For these we thank you, Lord.**

You gave us words and music, peculiar gifts,  
With which to wound or wonder,  
Bore or bless, inspire or disable.

**For these we thank you, Lord.**

And in your Church you have gathered us.  
In your community of common folk and complainers,  
prophets, and puzzled people,  
you have made a place for us.

**For these we thank you, Lord.**

So let what we say and do here,  
What we ponder and decide here,  
Be real for us and honest to you,  
And prepare us for the life of the world  
In which you are also praised.

**Amen.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

No. 804

MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**It is easy to judge those poor in spirit a failure and not a blessing.**

**We often ask those who mourn to call us if they need something  
rather than keep vigil by their side.**

**We consider the meek weak and too often ignore them;**

**those who hunger and thirst often take too much of our time.**

**We hear how we are to be merciful and pure in heart,**

**and how we are to make peace with our neighbors,  
yet we harbor resentments that keep us apart.**

**Forgive our shortcomings and in Christ give us your blessing**

**as we confess our sin.**

\*SILENT PRAYER

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

To this peace we were called as members of a single body.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*We Are One in the Spirit*

No. 300 v1

*ST. BRENDAN'S*

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored;  
And they'll know we are Christian by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Page No. 1007

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*SONG OF FAITH (PSALM 34)

Taste and See

No. 52

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John 11: 32-44

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*The Communion of Saints*

Tracy L. Evans

THE OFFERING  
ANTHEM

*Jesus Lover of my Soul*

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

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## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF 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.**

...when we deny our godly heritage.

**Still, you call us home to you through saints dedicated to your will.**

Therefore we praise you joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

**And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves with thanksgiving as a living sacrifice.**

In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Spirit of the living God, make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us so we might be in communion with you and one another.

**As we break bread together,**

**may our eyes be opened to see your glory.**

**As we lift the cup of salvation,**

**may we be strengthened to follow your Way.**

...that our lives may participate in the same unending song of the universe raised by all the saints,

**Through Christ with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and forevermore.**

**Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *from Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice:

**“Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!”**

And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

**“Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!”**

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

*Lift High the Cross*

No. 826

CRUCIFER

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

From where we are to where you need us.

**Christ be beside us.**

From what we are to what you can make of us,

**Christ be before us.**

From the mouthing of generalities to making signs of your kingdom.

**Christ be beneath us.**

Through the streets of this world to the gates of heaven,

**Christ be above us.**

Surround us with your presence,

inspire us with your purpose,

confirm us in your love.

**Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Give Thanks for Saints of Ages Past*

\*POSTLUDE

\*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 November 8: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalms 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for November is soup. 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 Samuel McCann and Melissa Gill.

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 scan the QR code on the pew card. 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.

The Mission and Evangelism Committee is continuing its Fall project. We have discerned a need for clothing for many elementary-age children as winter approaches. If you can help, please purchase pairs of blue jeans, sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, or 14 (all regulars). Any questions may be referred to committee members: Kirk Forthman, Jan Johnson, Doris Hinson, Dave Iske, Eileen Burke, or Erica Phelps.

On **Friday, November 13th, 6:30-8:30PM**, Mary Abbott House and Memorial Presbyterian Church are co-sponsoring a forum on "Child Abuse in Oklahoma". The program will take place in Memorial's Fellowship Hall, located at 601 24th Ave. SW in Norman. Flyers are posted throughout the church and on the

information table.

The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be hosting a Thanksgiving Pot Luck after worship on **Sunday, November 15**. The committee will provide turkey, gravy and dinner rolls. There will be a sign up sheet posted. We hope everyone will plan to stay and enjoy good fellowship and food.

Also on **Sunday, November 15**, you will want to join us for worship as Rev. Jim Burns will preach and be honored as Pastor Emeritus.

In another month it will once again be time to ring the Salvation Army Red Kettle bells. This year Memorial will be ringing bells from 10AM to 8PM, on **Wednesday, December 2**. Be on the lookout for the signup sheet this month or if you cannot wait for the signup, email Paul Phelps at [pphelps1@cox.net](mailto:pphelps1@cox.net)

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 1</b>
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>November 3</b>
7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 4</b>
3:00 P.M. – Kids' Club	
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir	
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>November 5</b>
10:00 A.M. – Serve at Food & Shelter, Inc.	
10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 8</b>
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service	
5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group	