



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2015

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O Lord our God, you alone are holy.  
Teach us to worship you  
with all our heart and soul  
and mind and strength,  
and to love one another  
as Christ loves us,  
so that we may draw near  
to your eternal realm;  
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

Paul Manz

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear, O Israel; listen, O church:

**The Lord is God; the Lord alone.**

You shall love the Lord your God,

**and your neighbor as yourself.**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Eternal God, we confess  
that we have failed to seek your will.  
You call for faithfulness and love;  
we respond with half-hearted praise.  
You call for righteousness and peace;  
we respond with empty promises.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Teach us how to worship you  
with the sacrifice you desire:  
loving you and loving one another;  
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 One in the Spirit*

Hymn 300, v.1

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 Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Mike Cole

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM

*Thanks We Sing*

We invite the congregation to join in singing when directed

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name; He forgets not his own.

We all do extol you, our leader triumphant, and pray that you still our defender will be. Let your congregation escape tribulation; Your name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

MESSAGE

Genuine...Grateful...Generous

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?

**By the Holy Spirit,**

**I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**I am baptized into Christ's body, the church,  
along with all others who confess him by faith.**

**As a member of this community,**

**I trust in God's Word,**

**share in the Lord's Supper,**

**and turn to God constantly in prayer.**

**As I grow in grace and knowledge,**

**I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.**

*Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 4*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Rock of Ages*

Gerre Hancock

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	<i>The Lord is God</i>	63
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Loving Spirit</i>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	John Innes
	*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 15: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.

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 Harry Wright and Donna Vint.

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.

The Norman Chapter of **Parents Helping Parents** will meet on **Thursday, November 12 at 7 PM** at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. Guest speaker will be Karen Mannix, LPC, LADC. A private practitioner who specializes in addiction counseling and spiritual direction, Ms. Mannix's topic will be: Parenting as a Spiritual Practice. For more information, call 278-1221 or e-mail [phnorman1@yahoo.com](mailto:phnorman1@yahoo.com).

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)

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. **Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda. Give thanks for:** Those who have given up their lives to protect others. Those who work for reconciliation between people. Those establishing a lasting peace with justice for people of all ethnic groups and nationalities. The diversity of plants and animals in this region, and their protection. Choirs and music, which abound in this region. **Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe. Give thanks for:** Christians who continue to witness to their faith even when it is disadvantageous to do so. Those who work with people living with HIV and AIDS and who are searching for ways to defeat the disease. Albert Schweitzer, and other missionaries like him, who devoted their lives to the health and betterment of the people they served. The great tropical forest with its many forms of life.

**SUNDAY****November 8**

- 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

**TUESDAY****November 10**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Committee
- 6:30 P.M. – Worship & Music Committee
- 7:00 P.M. – Christian Education Committee

**WEDNESDAY****(VETERANS DAY)****November 11**

- 3:00 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY****November 15**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Thanksgiving Pot Luck
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Committee Meeting