

TUESDAY **December 8**

6:00 A.M.– Mission & Evangelism Committee
7:30 P.M. – Christian Education Meeting

WEDNESDAY **December 9**

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

THURSDAY **December 10**

10:30 A.M. - Bible Study

SATURDAY **December 12**

8:00 A.M.– BSA 245 Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY **December 13**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion
5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Mission Statement of Memorial Presbyterian Church

We are a servant people called to be the light of the world. We come together as members of one body to worship, study, fellowship, witness and serve. In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we promise to care for and support each other as we share God's love with all people.

SESSION

Clerk: Joan Cole (329-4325)

Class of 2015

Jan Johnson (321-4899)
Lucy Lanning (872-1203)
Harry Wright (329-3282)

Class of 2016

Mike Cole (329-4325)
Julie Forthman (550-6617)
Michael Yeager (447-7441)

Class of 2017

Jessica Farris (664-2327)
Kirk Forthman (615-1125)
Mike Girdner (366-8829)

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2015

Linda Eckel (412-9416)
Charlotte Lovett (360-9832)
Jim Rodriguez (329-5652)

Class of 2016

John Beck (321-2941)
Jona Thiessen (360-5420)
Donna Vint (329-3282)

Class of 2017

Doris Hinson (321-6203)
Esau Jangha (637-3329)
Joan Thrailkill (227-7180)

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Tracy Evans

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

Vince Leseney

ORGANIST & ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANT: Terry Cast

MUSIC ASSOCIATE FOR CHILDREN'S

CHOIR: Kirk Forthman

TREASURER: Mike Cole

CUSTODIAN: Larry Upton



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The Way of Peace

All that men learned from sacred scrolls
was broken faith and twisted souls—
the heritage of noble halls
was broken swords and blackened walls—
So Love invaded guile and war,
misery and unease;
into our darkness came a star,
into our anger, peace.
But men forget that heavenly grace
makes every stall a princely place,
and trust to reap from iron force
joy, mercy, or remorse;
and so, good Christians, let us pray
in thought and work and hymn:
"Lord, make each morn a Christmas day,
each heart a Bethlehem."
-William R. Mitchell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I am sending a messenger, says the Lord,
to prepare the way before me.
Even now, a voice is crying out:
Prepare the way of the Lord!

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE Come Down, O Love Divine 282

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS
**Eternal God, we confess
that we resist your holy realm.
You come with fire to cleanse us,
yet we remain in our corruption.
You come with water to save us,
yet we persist in our sin.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Prepare the way in us
to greet the one who is coming,
so that we may see your salvation;
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 HE CAME DOWN Hymn 137
*He came down that we may have peace.
He came down that we may have peace.
He came down that we may have peace.
Hallelujah forevermore.
(sing twice)*

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing
Gene Bergstresser
Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Paula Coffman
Janice Crump
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Jayelle Martin
Devyn Upton
Pam Ashley's husband (Pam is Karen Upton's boss)
Cory Beck (John Beck's brother)
Mary Jean Beck (John Beck's mother)
Gail Bender (Jessica Forthman's mother)
Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)
Britany Clark (Daughter of Paul Upton's co-worker)
Karen Doviak (Jona Thiessen's friend)
Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)
Lee Harlan (Jona Thiessen's uncle)
Michael Hernandez (Jayelle Martin's second cousin, once removed)
Clark Hollingsworth (son of John Beck's friend Charles Hollingsworth)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
Don Smith (Charlotte Lovett's uncle)
Michelle (Charlotte's neighbor)
Sharon & Gordon Waterous, family of Donna Vint & Harry Wright
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's father)

Tod Luttrell (friend of Doris Hinson)
Andrew Megehee
Savannah Moseley (daughter of Ann Forsyth's cousin)
Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)
Keith Vermillion (PE teacher at Jessica Farris' school)
Jim & Linda Eckel

Those who grieve
Family of Les & Phyllis Johnston
Andre Eyabi & Family
Family of Jane Garlett (Joe Garlett's sister-in-law)
Family of Michael Johnson (son of Charles & Jan Johnson and husband of Diana Johnson)
Family & friends of Sheri Aresco (friend of Rachel Bradley)
Family & friends of Kenny Comer

Birthdays
Dec. 6-Ashley Wooliver
Dec. 7-Gene Bergstresser
Dec. 8-Betty Silman
Dec. 8-Troy Johnston
Dec. 11-Jack Adams

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Liberia, Sierra Leone**
Give thanks for: Christian churches and people who, despite hardships and temptations, retain faith and hope and love, and work for the betterment of all peoples in their nations. Those who work for reconciliation and healing, so that people can live with one another again. Churches that try to rebuild their communities after the Ebola virus epidemic. The councils of churches in Sierra Leone and Liberia and their work towards a renewed Christian witness. Those who saved others at great risk to their own lives. **Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal**

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 December 13: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for December is Rice. 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 Kirk and Jessica Forthman .

BSA Troop 245 is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on **Saturday, December 12th from 8am-11am** in Memorial's Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will go toward our parking lot project, so be on the lookout for the flyer.

The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents is meeting Thursday, December 10th at 7pm at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital. Please pass this information on to anyone you think may want to attend.

We will gather for a Christmas Social on Sunday, December 20th. It will be a potluck meal, we will sing Christmas carols, and there will be a pageant (though a new kind of pageant!) Join Us!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"THE AMAZING STORY"

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Gysheilla Jangha & Kaylee Eyabi

On this second Sunday of Advent,
as we think about the coming of Jesus
Christ we light this candle of peace.

Jesus Christ is our peace. (Ephesians 2:14)

He is the Prince of Peace

and the fruit of His presence is peace. (Isaiah 9:6; Galatians 5:22)

Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony
to every relationship throughout all creation.
He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation.
(2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Jesus, we pray,

guide our feet into the path of peace (Luke 1:79)

RESPONSE

He Came Down

*He came down that we may have hope.
He came down that we may have hope.
He came down that we may have hope.
Hallelujah forevermore.
(sing twice)*

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Charlotte Lovett

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:1-4

page 778

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 3:1-6

Page 834

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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| ANTHEM | To Bethlehem | |
| MESSAGE | Choose Peace | |
| *SONG OF FAITH | Prepare The Way, O Zion | 106 |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | | |

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

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

THE OFFERING
You are invited to place your pledge cards for next year's giving in the offering plate as it is passed. If you turned your card into the office, you may place the giving card found in the pew rack.

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| OFFERTORY | Tierce en Taille | Pierre DuMage |
| *DOXOLOGY RESPONSE | In the Bleak Midwinter <i>What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.</i> | 144 vs. 4 |

*DEDICATION PRAYER

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| 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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| *SENDING SONG | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling | 366 |
| *TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD | | |
| *BLESSING AND CHARGE | | |
| CHORAL BENEDICTION | Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | 347vs2 |
| *POSTLUDE | Savior of the Nations, Come | Paul Manz |

*Those who are able may stand.