



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Loving God,
you save all who seek refuge in you.
Grant that we who know your salvation
may walk always in your light,
take courage in your faithfulness,
and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us.
Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Auf Meinen Lieben Gott (In God My Faithful God) Georg Böhm

JOURNEY OF RENEWAL: Lamentation and Doubt

In this season of Lent we reflect on the meaning of our lives and on our journey of faith. The candles are burning now, but in the weeks to come the light will slowly fade to darkness. For in retelling the story of Jesus' betrayal, suffering, and death, we find that God brings transformation and new possibility out of darkness. We walk with Christ to the cross; letting go of all that holds us back from new life.

As we extinguish this light we let go of our certainty: the need for answers, for faith without doubt, and the desire to be self-reliant.
(a candle is extinguished)

Gracious God, forgive us for pretending that we have life figured out, that we don't need you, and that we could ever possess ultimate knowledge. Open our hearts to your gift of grace, which enables us, in faith, to trust. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27)

The Holy One is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Divine Presence is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Let your heart take courage. We can find trust in the face of fear.

My Protector will shelter me in the day of trouble; my Refuge will conceal me from those who mean to harm me.

Let your heart take courage. We can find faith in the face of doubt.

Now my head is lifted up and my heart is filled with shouts of joy. I will sing and make melody to the Holy One.

Let your heart take courage. We can find hope in the face of despair.

The Holy One is the light, salvation, and stronghold of our lives. God blesses us with hope, trust, and faith. Our hearts take courage in the midst of uncertainty.

*SONG OF PRAISE *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* Hymn 329

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Creator God of all: We face a world of intense happening in our individual lives, our communal lives and in the world around us. Our hearts break at the senseless violence. Our minds question the hatred we see and experience. At times, we acknowledge that we don't see how your love is working in this world or in our lives. We confess that our actions, thoughts and words do not always reflect a firm faith in you. Create in us a clean heart, O God. And put a new and right spirit within us. Help us to find you in such moments of doubt and pain. Help us to realize that your heart grieves and aches with us as you ceaselessly work to reconcile your beloved humanity back to your way of love. Grant us the fortitude to be your hands and feet in these times, even in seasons of doubt and grief. Amen.

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands**
Give thanks for: The Protestant Church in the Netherlands. May it continue to serve as a witness towards the visible unity of the church. Christians who make a strong witness for justice and peace in our world. Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Brueghel, Vermeer and all those who, with their art, have given us new eyes to see.

Please inform the church office of any necessary additions or changes to this prayer list.

SUNDAY February 21

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
12:00 P.M. – Chili Cook Off
2:00 P.M.– Deacon Meeting

MONDAY February 22

6:00 P.M. – Worship & Music Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study

WEDNESDAY February 24

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY February 25

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study

SUNDAY February 28

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

*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

Hymn 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

Refrain

Sing! Sing! Lift ev - 'ry voice! Sing to the
Lord; O sing, re - joice! Let your songs ring out! Lift
ev - 'ry voice! Let your songs ring out! O sing, re - joice!

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Acts 17:16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Matthew 22:34-40

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE Worship - Sunday's @ 10:55 Michael Yeager

ANTHEM Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Contemplation Camille Saint-Saëns

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn 592
DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* Hymn 761

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Make Us Partners*

*POSTLUDE *Herzliebster Jesu (O Blessed Jesus)* *Johannes Brahms*

*Those who are able may stand.

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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 February 28: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalms 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for February is Green Beans. 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 Holly Van Auken and Eileen Burke .

Lenten Study with Tracy Evans. Every Monday 2/15-3/21 from 7pm—8pm. It is not to late to join!

Wednesday noon Lent Worship sponsored by **Norman Ministerial Fellowship begins on February 24.** Fliers are available for you to take home or to your workplace. This week **Host Church:** McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church 419 S. University Blvd. Norman, OK. **Guest Pastor: Guest Pastor:** Steve Graham Cooperating Baptist Fellowship of Oklahoma

There will be a **Deacons Meeting Today** at 2pm.

There will be a **Worship & Music Meeting Monday, February 22nd** at 6pm.

The **Presbytery of Indian Nations** will meet this **Friday and Saturday** at Korean First Presbyterian Church in South OKC.