



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,  
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,  
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart J. Behnke

### JOURNEY OF RENEWAL: SUFFERING AND EVIL

*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 candle, we let go of our misery. We lay down our jars  
of despair and sadness and embrace a new future found only in  
relationship with Christ.  
(a candle is extinguished)

**God of hope and joy, help us to remember the promise that you  
are with us always. As we continue our journey towards the cross,  
remind us of your presence, and help our hearts to find rest in you.  
Amen.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are our God, we seek you, our souls thirst for you as in a dry  
and weary land where there is no water.

**God's love, wisdom, and mercy sustain us in our suffering.**

**SUNDAY February 28**

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

**MONDAY February 29**

7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study

**WEDNESDAY March 2**

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

**THURSDAY March 3**

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study

**SUNDAY March 6**

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

### 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.*

Because of your steadfast love, our lips will call to you and praise you.

**We bless you in the sanctuary; we lift up our hands and call on your name.**

Our souls are surrounded by you. You hold us up when all seems lost.

**God's love, wisdom, and mercy sustain us in our suffering. We bless you in the sanctuary; we lift up our hands and call on your name.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      Jesus, Lover of My Soul                      440

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of all goodness: We come to you on this day to acknowledge our confusion and frustration when we witness and experience suffering and evil. How much longer, God, will our world insist upon hate-filled acts of fear? How much longer, God, will we see the suffering of the sick, hungry, and poor? And in the midst of all of these heart-felt questions, we beg you to mend our hearts and strengthen our midst so that we may ask these questions with boldness, and can continue to sing of your goodness in the midst of it all, so that we can find in you mercy and new beginnings. Amen.**

\*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 579

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Page No. 955

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 63 (See Insert)

Luke 13:31-35

Page No. 849

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MESSAGE

Love and Belonging

Tracy L. Evans

ANTHEM

You Are My God and King

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *His Eye Is On the Sparrow/Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Michael Yeager

\*DOXOLOGY                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymn 592

DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

830

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

\*POSTLUDE

Toccata on Aberswyth (Jesus Lover of My Soul)

S. Wurst

## KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

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\*Those who are able may stand.

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## 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)  
Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)  
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)  
Keith Vermillion (PE teacher at Jessica Farris' school)  
Jim & Linda Eckel  
Shirley Dixon (Georjana Mauldin's friend)

### Those who grieve

#### Birthdays

Feb. 29-Jody Yeager  
Mar. 03 -Michael Klenda  
Mar. 04-Angela Jones  
Mar. 05 -Margaret Storm  
David Stensrud  
Mar. 06 -Bill Silman  
Harold Conner

#### Anniversaries

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