

**SUNDAY** **March 6**

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

**MONDAY** **March 7**

7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study

**TUESDAY** **March 8**

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

**WEDNESDAY** **March 9**

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

**THURSDAY** **March 10**

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study

**SUNDAY** **March 13**

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

**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.*

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# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Prayer of Preparation goes here*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Love Unknown

John Ireland

### JOURNEY OF RENEWAL: BELONGING AND COMMUNITY

*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 candle, we let go of our sins. We repent for all that we have done or left undone, and allow ourselves to be forgiven, so that we might respond by offering forgiveness to others and gratitude to God. (a candle is extinguished)

**Faithful God, forgive us for turning away from you and others. As we journey toward the cross this Lenten season, help us to repent of our sin and to forgive others in the same way you have forgiven us. Amen.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, we are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**We are reconciled to God through Christ; we have been given a ministry of reconciliation;**

In Christ, the world has been reconciled to God; God has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us.

**We are reconciled to God through Christ; we have been given a ministry of reconciliation;**

**So we are ambassadors for Christ, beloved and reconciled, forgiven and renewed, bearing witness to God's extravagant, inclusive, unconditional love and boundless mercy. Praise be to God!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      My Song is Love Unknown                      209

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of extravagant and boundless love: We come, not always knowing how to find our way back to the home we have in you. Sometimes running from you, sometimes running from ourselves, we run to places and things that we think will fulfill us, but we find ourselves empty. We are so grateful that you are always waiting for us to return, with open and embracing arms and a full table. Too often though, we admit that we have not been welcoming to others, even as we have been welcomed and reconciled. Help us to open our hearts and our arms to embrace others, even those we do not understand. Renew us in your unconditional love so that we may be merciful as you are – to others and to ourselves. 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.**

**KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS**

please contact Jona Thiessen at:  
jthiessen2@att.net

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **France, Germany**  
Give thanks for: Reconciliation between France and Germany after the end of the Second World War. The fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of Germany and its families. The witness of such ecumenical centres as the Taizé community, which has revitalized worship, particularly among young people. Those working for tolerance and support for immigrants and refugees, so that hatred and violence based on ethnicity are eliminated. Magnificent church art and architecture, which tell the gospel story and praise God.

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

**Lectionary Readings** for March 13: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalms 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for March 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 Larry and Lisa Upton .

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

**Wednesday noon Lent Worship** sponsored by **Norman Ministerial Fellowship** This week **Host Church: St. Joseph's Catholic Church**  
**211 N. Porter**  
Guest Pastor: Tracy Evans  
Memorial Presbyterian Church

If you would like to order **Easter lilies**, please contact the church office. The lilies cost \$12 each; please make payment to Memorial. Orders will be accepted until noon on Friday, March 11. Proceeds benefit the ABL Council for Developmental Disabilities, which provides residential care, vocational training, and employment support for more than sixty adults with developmental disabilities here in Norman.

**Journey of Renewal Prayer Vigil** The sanctuary will be open during Holy Week, March 20 through March 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Whether you stay five minutes or the full two hours, all are invited to spend time in quiet meditation of this journey to the Resurrection of the Lord. Prayer guides will be provided for those who wish to use them. Please use the west parking lot entrance.

Sunday, **March 13 is Daylights Savings Time** don't forget to **SPRING FORWARD!**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Glory be to the Father*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Cor 5:16-21

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Ps 32

**Psalm 32**

(1-7)

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**Refrain**



God is kind and gra - cious. God heals the bro - ken spir - it.

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Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

How Far?

Tracy L. Evans

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Variations on Holy Manna Bonnie Johansen-Werner

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

**SEALING THE WORD - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.**

...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 he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION Take My Life

\*POSTLUDE God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens Wilbur Held

\*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.