

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs,  
you have gathered a people  
from every tribe and language  
to praise your name eternally.  
Join our song with all of heaven  
as we worship you this day  
in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd

Harold Rohlig

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. 7

John saw a multitude from every land  
and tribe and nation.

**Glory and power be to our God  
forever and ever!**

The angels fell on their faces  
and worshiped the Lord.

**Glory and power be to our God  
forever and ever!**

The shepherd will guide the flock  
to the springs of water,  
and wipe away every tear from their eyes.

**Glory and power be to our God**

**forever and ever! Amen!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE      Crown Him with Many Crowns

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of everlasting life, we confess  
that we continue in the ways of death.  
We see your work in our world  
and still do not believe in you.  
We listen to other leaders  
and ignore your loving voice.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Restore us to your flock and fold  
so that we may believe and receive  
eternal and abundant life in you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

\*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*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 23, read responsively

Hymnal 473

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

John 10:22-30

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

MESSAGE

Life-Saving Acts

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God's  
life-giving Word and Spirit  
has conquered the powers  
of sin and death,  
and therefore also  
of irreconciliation and hatred,  
bitterness and enmity,**

**that God's life-giving Word and Spirit  
will enable the church to live  
in a new obedience  
which can open new possibilities of life  
for society and the world.**

*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Henry Coleman

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Wilbur Held

\*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 April 24: Acts 11:1-18; Psalms 148; Revelation 21:1-6.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for April is pasta. 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 Doug and Ann Forsyth.

**SUNDAY**

**April 17**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**April 20**

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

**THURSDAY**

**April 21**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

**SUNDAY**

**April 24**

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