

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Merciful Savior, you sent Jesus
to seek out those who are lost.
Receive us as we return to you this day,
then send us out to join your search,
so that we may rejoice with you
and with all the company of heaven
in the glory of your holy realm;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Once More, My Soul George Shearing

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Like a woman who finds a missing coin,
God rejoices in our salvation.
Like a shepherd who finds a lost sheep,
God rejoices in bringing us home.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we have not turned away from sin.
You search for us, like lost sheep,
but we pretend not to hear your voice.
You treasure us, like lost coins,
but we spend our lives in foolish ways.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to repent and return to you,
so that we may join the joyful feast
of redemption and restoration;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*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

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

Everlasting God

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Lost

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O for a Closer Walk with God

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that the church
must witness against and strive against
any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.**

**We believe that the church
as the possession of God
must stand where the Lord stands,
namely against injustice
and with the wronged.**

**We believe that in following Christ
the church must witness against
all the powerful and privileged
who selfishly seek their own interest
and thus control and harm others.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days

Kevin Sadowski

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

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG For the Life That You Have Given

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION Standing on the Promises

*POSTLUDE Processional on Darwall's 148th

Michael Kutch

*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 September 18: Jeremiah 8:19-9:1; Psalms 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for September is canned vegetables. 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 Mike and Karen Girdner.

We have old hymnals free for the taking next to the information table.

Is your information correct? The office is updating the directory. Please contact Lisa with any changes.

We are excited to offer our after-school program on Wednesdays once again this fall.

The program welcomes kids from our church and surrounding neighborhood. Participation remains high. Our youngest kids, pre-K thru elementary, arrive around 3PM. They snack, play and enjoy crafts until choir practice. While they are in choir, our middle school kids arrive for snacks, sports and chilling. Our high school kids often text for rides and come for a little relaxation and dinner when they can. Everyone heads home at 6PM. Please call Holly Van Auken with any questions or to volunteer. 405-326-

1999. Many thanks to our parents and entire volunteer crew!

Men and women are all invited to attend breakfast on Saturday, September 24 at 8:00.

We have invited representatives from the Norman Police Department for conversation around race relations in our community. Sign up sheet is in the hallway—bring a dish to share if you can!

Memorial is hosting the presbytery meeting on Friday, October 7. Volunteers needed for welcoming, ushering, and serving the meal.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LECTURE SERIES “Sailing the Ecumenical Boat in the Twenty-first Century”

Rev. Dr. William Tabbernee, Executive Director of Oklahoma Conference of Churches will present lectures September 16-18 titled: "Knowing the Ropes", "Building a New Boat", and "Anchor Aweigh". Friday, September 16 will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, September 17, 8:30- 11:30am. and Sunday, September 18, the morning sermon will conclude the lecture series. The Lectures will be held in the Community Room at Church of the Savior, 5600 NW 63 St.

SUNDAY

September 11

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

Monday

September 12

6:00 P.M – Worship Meeting
7:15 P.M – Session Task Force Meeting

TUESDAY

September 13

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

WEDNESDAY

September 14

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

September 15

7:00 P.M – Building & Grounds Meeting

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