# **Memorial Presbyterian Church**

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2016

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### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

You hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I'm But a Stranger Here

**BRINGING THE LIGHT** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O people of God, praise the Lord! Blessed is God's name forever. From break of day to setting sun, let us praise the name of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

O God of Every Nation

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We seek our own self-interest instead of serving others. We glorify power and wealth instead of worshiping you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to treasure your gifts and to seek the good of all, so that we may be a blessing; 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 581 TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES **PROCLAIMING THE WORD** PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Page No. 619 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. ANTHEM This is My Song SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Page No. 963 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. MESSAGE Prayerful Living Tracy L. Evans \*SONG OF FAITH God Who Weeps with Us 787 \*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 The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 35
THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	Allegro (From Praeludium, BuxWV 149)	Dietrich Buxtehude
*DOXOLOGY DEDICATION	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow PRAYER	606
FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD		
*SENDING SONG	I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me	700
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE CHORAL BENEDICTION Go to the World!		
*POSTLUDE	Largo	Buxtehude

\*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 29: Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15; Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

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 Linda Eckel and Melissa Gill.

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!

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

**Memorial is hosting the presbytery meeting on Friday**, **October 7**. Volunteers needed for welcoming, ushering, and serving the meal. Let Tracy know if you can help.

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

# SUNDAYSeptember 189:30 A.M. – Sunday School10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments10:55 A.M. – Worship Service12:00 P.M. – Deacons MeetingTUESDAYSeptember 207:00 P.M. – Session MeetingWEDNESDAYSeptember 213:15 P.M. – Kids' Club5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

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# SATURDAY

# September 24

8:00 A.M. –Men's Breakfast

# SUNDAY

## September 25

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service