

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

October 30, 2016

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ein Feste Berg

Jan Bender

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

As followers of Jesus Christ,  
living in this world—  
which some seek to control,  
but which others view with despair—

**We declare with joy and trust:  
Our world belongs to God!**

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

**Our world belongs to him!  
God is King! Let the earth be glad!**

**Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!**

**The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**You are righteous, O God,  
and your law is truth.**

**Yet we struggle to be faithful  
and daily fail to live lives of justice and mercy.**

**Forgive us again, O God;  
keep covenant with us, as you have promised,**

**and soothe our aching souls,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(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

THE OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS CONFESS THEIR FAITH: ONE GOD

In the midst of cultures that believed in multiple gods, the Old Testament saints proclaimed the radical-sounding truth:  
The Lord our God is one. The Lord our God is the only God!

*Scripture Reading:* Deuteronomy 6:1-9

THE EARLY CHURCH CONFESSES THEIR FAITH: JESUS IS LORD

In the midst of a multi-ethnic Roman Empire where one could believe anything as long as Caesar was acknowledged as Lord, the early church proclaimed the subversive truth:  
Jesus is Lord!

*Scripture Reading:* Romans 10:9-13

THE POST-APOSTOLIC CHURCH CONFESSES THEIR FAITH: JESUS IS GOD

In the midst of the Greco-Roman culture that tempted the church to make Jesus less than God, the post-apostolic church proclaimed the truth:  
Jesus is God!

*Scripture Reading:* Colossians 1:15-20

THE REFORMATION CHURCH CONFESSES ITS FAITH: CHRIST ALONE THROUGH FAITH

In the midst of a church that obscured the gospel through traditionalism and institutionalism, the church proclaimed the truth:  
Salvation is in Christ alone through faith!

*Scripture Reading:* Romans 1:16-17

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TODAY: OUR WORLD BELONGS TO GOD

ANTHEM      Christian Hearts in Love United

MESSAGE      Revelation, Revolution, and Reformation

\*SONG OF FAITH      I Believe in God the Father

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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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

Flor Peeters

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

\*SENDING SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

We rejoice in the goodness of God,  
renounce the works of darkness,  
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

**As covenant partners,  
called to faithful obedience,  
and set free for joyful praise,  
we offer our hearts and lives  
to do God's work in his world.**

With tempered impatience,  
eager to see injustice ended,  
we expect the Day of the Lord.

**And we are confident  
that the light which shines in the present darkness  
will fill the earth when Christ appears.  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Our world belongs to you.**

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress  
Nicholas Lindley, trumpet

David Cherwien, arr. Wurst.

\*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 November 6: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalms 98; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for October is peanut butter. 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 Harry Wright and Donna Vint.

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

**Trunk or Treat will be Monday, October 31 from 6:30-8:00.** There will be a moon bounce, free hot dogs, popcorn, pickles and bottled water. There will be a sign up sheet for donations and to enter your trunk. This has been a wonderful outreach to our community and a lot of fun to participate in. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a frightfully good time! If you have any questions contact any Fellowship & Hospitality member.

**SUNDAY**

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9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 a.m. – Worship Service

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**WEDNESDAY**

**November 2**

3:15 p.m. – Kids' Club

4:00 p.m. – Children's Choir

6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

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