

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

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December 11, 2016

10:55 a.m.



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3rd Sunday of Advent

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### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist,  
through all such faithful ones  
you proclaim the unfolding of future joy  
and renewed life.

Strengthen our hearts  
to believe your advent promise  
that one day we will walk  
in the holy way of Christ,  
where sorrow and sighing will be no more  
and the journey of God's people  
will be joy. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Partita on "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came": Theme and Trio  
Kevin Sadowski

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CANDLE LIGHTING

Psalm 27

*The Advent wreath is a visible reminder of the Light that awaits us as we approach the miracle of Christmas. This circle of intertwined branches is a symbol of God's endless love and eternal grace. Each candle represents a pathway out of the darkness toward the light, and gives us time to reflect upon the true meaning of advent. The hope, peace, love and joy that we anticipate along the way are fulfilled by the birth of a child whose life touches the heart of every believer, and whose light will be the light of the world.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

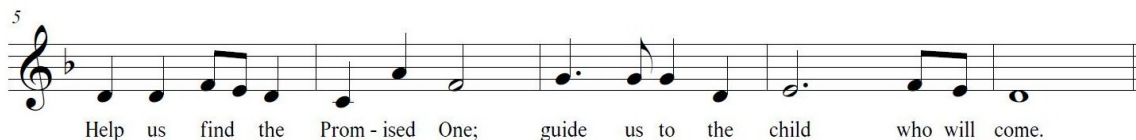
**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage.

**Wait for the Lord!**



\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Holy God, we confess  
that we do not walk in your light.  
We hurt and destroy one another  
and neglect the poor and hungry.  
We let evil grow among us  
and fail to bear good fruit.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Awaken us to your Word,  
so that we may be ready  
to welcome you with joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Time of silent reflection)

\*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

*Angels We Have Heard on High(refrain)*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION-Stewardship

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Traditional

Hal H. Hopson

**Refrain**

Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:2-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM

A Little Child will Come to Lead Us

MESSAGE

Memory and Anticipation

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God has entrusted the church  
with the message of reconciliation  
in and through Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that the church is called  
to be the salt of the earth  
and the light of the world.**

**We believe that the church is called blessed  
because it is a peacemaker.**

**We believe that the church is witness  
both by word and by deed  
to the new heaven and the new earth  
in which righteousness dwells.**

*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Pastorale

Kevin Sadowski

\*DOXOLOGY

*All Creation Join in Praising*

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All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!

DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE  
CHORAL BENEDICTION

Walk in the light, walk in the light \_\_\_\_\_ with our faith to car-ry us on.

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Walk in the light, walk in the light \_\_\_\_\_ it will lead us to God's Son.

\*POSTLUDE

Toccatà

Kevin Sadowski

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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 December 18: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for December 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 Jim and Linda Rodriguez.

Please join us Today for a **Christmas Potluck and pageant** at 5:30pm.

**Memorial Presbyterian will be continuing a tradition of Christmas giving again this year by supporting the families currently living in the Women's Resource Center** of Norman, OK. If you are providing items, please return the wrapped gifts with the information card to Tracy's office by Sunday, December 18th.

**SUNDAY****December 11**

- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 a.m. – Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. – Christmas potluck and Pageant

**TUESDAY****December 13**

- 6:00 p.m. – M&E Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY****December 14**

- 3:15 p.m. – Kids' Club
- 4:00 p.m. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY****December 18**

- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 a.m. – Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. – M.Y. Group Christmas Party
- 5:30 p.m. – Called Session Meeting