

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017

See the table spread before you. Share in the salvation of communion..

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of mercy, your word was the sure defense of Jesus in his time of testing. Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation, that we who have been set free from sin by Christ may serve you will into life everlasting.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross David Cherwien

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?
The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?
Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?
We worship the Lord our God alone.

*SONG OF PRAISE O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! 41

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us
and the things that give us life.
You know our nakedness, and you know our sin.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray:
cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life,
and re-create us in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*SONG OF RESPONSE In My Life Lord, Be Glorified 468

*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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINUTE FOR MISSION #PEACE4OK Charlotte Lovett

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING
Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 Page No. 2
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Romans 5: 12-19 Page No. 917
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 4: 1-11 Page No. 785
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Grace Alone

MESSAGE Tempted Tracy L. Evans

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
Is made manifest in the church
As the community of believers
Who have been reconciled with God
And with one another.
We believe that unity is, therefore,
Both a gift and an obligation
For the church of Jesus Christ.
We believe that,**

**Through the working of God's Spirit,
It is a binding force,
Yet simultaneously a reality
Which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
One which the people of God
must continually be built up to attain.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Jesus Paid it All John T. Grape, arr. Patricia Cota
Chancel Ringers

*DOXOLOGY *We Give Thee but Thine Own* 708

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION SONG O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...stand to sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

...Do this in remembrance of me.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

...now and always.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness Johannes Brahms

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We are aware, O God, of the marvelous gifts that have come from your hand and have profoundly enriched our lives. But keep us, we pray, from being so focused on the gifts that we forget the Giver. Help us find ways of expressing our praise, speaking our words of thanks, and sharing the gifts with others. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG When We Are Tested 783

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING
CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* John Behnke

*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 **Lectionary Readings** for March 12: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalms 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

The Urban Mission item of the month for **March is Peanut butter**. Please place your donations in the box in the hall. Peanut butter is their most requested item.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Paul and Karen Upton.

Communion servers for today's service are Ann Forsyth, Doug Forsyth, Breanna Upton, and Loreen Upton.

You are invited to attend a Lenten study led by Tracy Evans on Sunday evenings, beginning Today from 5:00 to 6:00. We will study the book *Forgiveness*, written by Marjorie J. Thompson. Thompson is well known for her book *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*. She is a Presbyterian pastor and spent thirteen years as Director of Congregational Spirituality with Upper Room Ministries.

Memorial Presbyterian Church is please to support Peace for Oklahoma. With Jewish,

Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Unitarian Universalist, Baha'i, Hindu and other Christian houses of worship, we support tolerance and respect for all peace-seeking people. You will hear words of tolerance and respect in today's service; a service dedicated to peace will take place April 30. **#Peace4OK**

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 12. Don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead!

SUNDAY

March 5

9:30 A.M. – Sunday school
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service- Communion
5:00 P.M. – Lenten Study

WEDNESDAY

March 8

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

SUNDAY

March 12

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10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
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