

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

See the promises. Share your faith.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

You call us to become pilgrims, to follow you in a journey of faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much is at stake. But you promise that you will be with us and that our needs will be met. You lead us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust in your will. O God, your way is challenging when we choose to be complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps toward the promise.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE    Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ)  
Dietrich Buxtehude

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

From where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper?

**The Lord is our keeper,  
By day and by night.**

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in  
From this time on and forevermore.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                    *The God of Abraham Praise*

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#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Gracious God, we come before you  
In need of forgiveness and grace.  
You call us to trust in you completely,  
But we do not.  
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.  
We justify our actions and words,  
Though we know they are not what you require.  
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,  
Preferring old habits to risky change.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,  
Trusting that you have included us by grace  
In the family of faith.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*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

*In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*  
(Sing Twice)

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In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:1 – 5, 13 - 17

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

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**Refrain**



God will be with us all a - long our way.  
God will be with us ev - 'ry night and day.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

John 3: 1 - 17

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The Word of the Lord.

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ANTHEM

Change My Heart / Lord, Be Glorified

MESSAGE

Water and Spirit Out of the Dark

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

As the Wind Song

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\*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

O Darkest Woe

Wilbur Held

\*DOXOLOGY

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

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We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Abide With Us

\*POSTLUDE

*The God of Abraham Praise*

*John Innes*

\*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 19: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalms 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

**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.

**The Norman Ministerial Fellowship is hosting its annual Lenten series**. On Wednesday, March 15, First Christian Church will host the worship and lunch, which begins at noon. Father Jason Haddox of St. Michael's Episcopal will give the sermon on the healing at the pool of Bethesda. A \$5 donation is suggested for the lunch.



**SUNDAY**

**March 12**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**March 15**

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY**

**March 16**

- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds Meeting

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