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

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(Sing Twice)

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

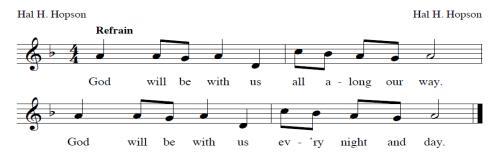
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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

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John 3: 1 - 17 Page No. 863

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 292

*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 190

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION Abide With Us

*POSTLUDE The God of Abraham Praise John Innes

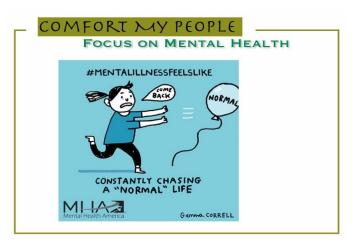
*Those who are able may stand.

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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