

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

See and hear God's Word. Share Jesus' Reconciliation.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.*

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 Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
**We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving
and make a joyful noise unto you with our songs of praise!**
O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!
**For we are your people, the flock that you shepherd.
We will know of your power as we listen for your voice!**
Let us worship God!

*SONG OF PRAISE O Come and Sing unto the Lord (Psalm 95) 638

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Lord, you know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.
Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
Forgive us, O Lord,
and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**
(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
In 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 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified 468
In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
(sing twice)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Ross Robinson

SCRIPTURE READING
Exodus 17:1-7 Page No. 56

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Romans 5:1-11 Page No. 917

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

John 4:5-42 Page No. 864

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM You Are My All in All

MESSAGE Thirsty Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

*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 Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY 12 Stücke für die Orgel, IX: Benedictus

Max Reger

*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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Abide With Us

*POSTLUDE

Benedictus

*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 26: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalms 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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 22, McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church will host the worship and lunch, which begins at noon. Guest Pastor, Daniel Dennison, Wesley Foundation, University of Oklahoma will give the sermon. A \$5 donation is suggested for the lunch.

Cameroonian Orphanage Clothing Drive Starts

One way that our church can help kids affected by unrest in Cameroon right now is by providing clothing. A large box will be available in the coat area as you enter the sanctuary from now thru May. Gently used or new clothing for all ages of children would be appreciated. Have fun looking for bargains and in closets!

You are invited to Stephen Wurst's Master Organ recital on Sunday March 26, 8:00pm at Catlett Musical Hall.

SUNDAY	March 19
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	
4:00 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting	
5:00 P.M. – Lenten Study	
TUESDAY	March 21
7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting	
WEDNESDAY	March 22
3:15 p.m. – Kids' Club	
4:00 p.m. – Children's Choir	
6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir	
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