

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

**See the light. Share the light that is within you.**

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light,  
we are called to what is good and right and true.  
Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      Herzliebster Jesu (O Blessed Jesus)                      Johannes Brahms

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I want.

**God guides me in proper paths  
for the sake of God's good name.**

God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

**Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of  
my life.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      *Come! Live in the Light!*                      749

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, And shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

(Time of silent reflection)

#### \*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

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

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Psalm 23

Howard Hughes, S.M.



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Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

John 9: 1 - 41

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ANTHEM

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Erickson

MESSAGE

Seeing and Being Seen

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

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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*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS- Jo Beth and Bruce Bailey

Let us welcome Bruce and Jo Beth as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Adagio from Symphonie VI (excerpt) Charles-Marie Widor

\*DOXOLOGY *We Give Thee but Thine Own* 708

*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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* 377

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Abide With Us

\*POSTLUDE Epilogue from Hommage à Frescobaldi Jean Langlais

*\*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 April 2: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalms 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

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

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

**The Norman Ministerial Fellowship is hosting its annual Lenten series.** On Wednesday, March 29, St. Joseph's Catholic Church will host the worship and lunch, which begins at noon. Guest Pastor, Mitch Randall, NorthHaven Church 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 tonight at 8:00pm at Catlett Musical Hall.

If you would like to **donate individually wrapped candy for Easter Sunday's Egg hunt** (small enough to fit in a plastic egg) please bring it to the church Office.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 26</b>
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 28</b>
6:00 P.M. - Worship and Music	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 29</b>
3:15 p.m. – Kids' Club	
4:00 p.m. – Children's Choir	
6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 1</b>
8:00 A.M. – annual Spring Cleanup Day	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 2</b>
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service-communion	

