

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2017

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Ever-present God,  
you never leave us.*

*Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee,  
and keep us seeking after that which is true,  
that all may know that you are the Lord, our God,  
a tenacious presence in whatever our reality.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The Lord will make a feast for all people

**and destroy the power of death forever.**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our redeemer, we confess  
that we remain captivated by sin.**

**We fail in our love for you,  
forgetting your gracious acts.**

**We fail in our love for one another,  
forsaking our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Let us be no longer bound by sin,  
but released, restored, set free  
to worship and serve you in freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(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                      Glory Be to the Father                      581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION                      Melissa Gill

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING                      Melissa Gill

SCRIPTURE READING  
Exodus 32:1-14                      Page No. 69  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING  
Philippians 4:1-13                      Page No. 955  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING  
Matthew 22:1-14                      Page No. 803  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      Don't Worry? Seriously?                      Tracy L. Evans

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
**We believe that God  
brings justice to the oppressed  
and gives bread to the hungry.  
We believe that God  
frees the prisoner  
and restores sight to the blind.  
We believe that God  
supports the downtrodden,  
protects the stranger,  
helps orphans and widows,  
and blocks the path of the ungodly.**  
*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
Response:... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
The Lord's Prayer                      Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY                      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow                      606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

\*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 October 22: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for October is **canned vegetables (no corn)**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

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

**Ushers** for today's service are Paul and Erica Phelps.

**Please welcome our guest organist Paul Watkins**, who is covering for Stephen who is playing a concert in Kansas.

### MISSION AND EVANGELISM

**BUCKETS** for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – **Our project to collect cleaning supplies to fill 5-gallon buckets to be distributed to people whose homes were damaged in our recent hurricanes is going well.** Please check the sign-up sheet in the hallway to find out what we still need to fill our buckets. If you prefer, you can contribute money – by cash or check in the collection plate at worship indicating that it is for the Buckets – and we will use it to purchase items that we still need. THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!

**CROP WALK – Memorial Presbyterian has a long and proud history of participating in this Walk which is a fundraiser to end hunger in our community and around the world.** This three-mile walk is sponsored by Church World Service. The Walk has a new route this year and will start at Andrews Park behind the library (201 W. Daws). Registration will be at 1:30 pm on Sunday, October 22. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall to sign up to walk and/or to sponsor our walkers, or go to: [www.crophungerwalk.org/normanok](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/normanok)

We have registered our team on the website under the name Memorial Presbyterian Church. You can go to this website to donate or to register as a walker. You can also contribute money – by cash or check – in the collection plate at worship with a note that it is for CROP Walk.

**SUNDAY****October 15**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**TUESDAY****October 17**

6:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY****October 18**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

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12:05 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting