

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of Peace,
your call, at times, appears to divide us from
one another.
Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage.
Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight.
Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us.
We ask this in the confidence of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE He Comes to us as One Unknown Robert J. Powell

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is moving in the world,
with flames of justice and waters of mercy.
Christ is calling in the world,
with whispers of love and cries of compassion.
Let us worship the one who creates the world
and lend our voices to the Spirit's song.

*SONG OF PRAISE Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty Hymnal, No. 35

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**O God, you are nearby and far off,
in our every moment and in the highest heaven.
Forgive us when we would rather not remember you
in the everyday moments of our lives:
when choosing you would mean putting our neighbors' needs first;
when following you would challenge our comfortable assumptions;
when listening to you would change the life we have grown to love.
Forgive us, God of mercy,
and love us into your reign of true peace.**

(Time of silent reflection)

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

Page No.552

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Page No. 978

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Guide My Feet

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:49-56

Page No. 848

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Choosing Sides

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Hymnal, No. 724

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SUNDAY

August 18

- 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
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

TUESDAY

August 20

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

August 21

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

August 25

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jan Cunningham
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Alice Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Gene Thrailkill
Jona Thiessen
Devyn Upton
Karen Upton
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Donna Vint whose husband Harry Wright died on July 7.

Carl Forthman whose mother Betty Forthman died on July 1.

Seminary Graduate

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

Birthdays

August 18– Lizzet Annoh

August 19– Larry Fisher

August 21– Joan Thrailkill

August 22– Tamara Iske

Karen Upton

August 23– Kerri Bales

August 24– Tanner Bunce

August 25– John Beck

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Liberia, Sierra Leone**

We are **thankful** for:

- the natural resources in these countries, that they might benefit the peace and welfare of all
- the diverse ethnic and religious groups who long have lived together in peace and harmony, especially the Muslims and Christians in Sierra Leone
- democratic election of leaders who have brought political stability and accountability
- how diseases such as Ebola have been brought under control.

We **pray** for:

- the churches in these countries, for their evangelism and social outreach, faithful witness and action in times of conflict, and for interfaith cooperation with others
- the majority of the people who are still impoverished, that adequate services and policies will be provided that enable them to live with dignity and good health
- more just governance, free of corruption, accountable to the people, and that manages resources in ways that benefit all.