# **Memorial Presbyterian Church**

26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after	SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Pentecost GATHERING AROUND THE WORD Caring God, you are always with us, but sometimes that can be hard to reme When it feels like we are praying alor grant us confidence that you are with In times when our spirits feel more sett help us to share that peace with neighbors who need it. Amen	ne, nus. led,
PRELUDE	Prelude on We Gather Together	Wilbur Held
BRINGING THE LIGHT		
*CALL TO WORSHIP Eternal God, we praise you! Amidst all that changes, you are present. You have been here forever, waiting for us. We are here, to be present for you. Let all that is passing fall away. With open hands, we let go of all but you. Alleluia! Spirit of Life, transform us by your grace. Alleluia!		
*SONG OF PRAIS	E Great is Thy Faithfulness	Hymnal, No. 39
*CONFESSION AND PARDON Let us pray together: Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen. (Time of silent reflection)		
Children of God, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!		
*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.

Glory to God Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3) As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

#### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:11–14 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Page No. 976

Trudy Beard

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. ANTHEM Lord of Life SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:1-8 Page No. 825 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. MESSAGE Things That Are; Things That Will Be Tracy L. Evans \*SONG OF FAITH When Peace Like a River Hymnal, No. 840

Psalm 16

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies. to accept the risk and pain which love involves. (from A Declaration of Faith)

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... Let your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

Please pray the Lord's Prayer in the language and wording most familiar to you.

## THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG

The Days are Surely Coming

Hymnal, No. 357

#### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Postludium

Gordon Young

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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 November 24: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18); Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for November are hand warmers and scarves. 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.







