



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1st Sunday in Lent

February 17, 2013

*Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship.
Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God Most High,
thank you for signs of your power and grace,
shown to us even in the wilderness.
Give us courage to stand firm in your Word
in every time of trial and testing,
that we may enter the land of your freedom
and receive the salvation you so generously give;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Joe Utterback

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Like Jesus, we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God's will in all things.

**For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

*SONG OF PRAISE *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation;
we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own.
We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray.
Do not let us be put to shame, O God.
Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE *Change My Heart, O God*

LUYH 61

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father*

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*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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 4:1-13

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Song of Peace

MESSAGE

So Tempting

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

*O God of Earth and Altar
Youth Bell Ringers*

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SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ
I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

Johann Pachelbel

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

O Love, How Deep

Percy Whitlock

*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 February 24: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

The Urban Mission item of the month for February is **crackers**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

There are still books available (and we can order more!) for the **Lenten study** which begins this evening at 7:00 at First Presbyterian Church. FPC Associate Pastor Pam Normile and Pastor Tracy Evans will lead the study based on the book **The Virtue in the Vice: Finding Seven Lively Virtues in the Seven Deadly Sins** by Robin Meyers.

The **Norman Ministerial Fellowship** will host a series of **Lenten services** at noon on Wednesdays. This week's service will be at NorthHaven Church, with Rev. Dr. Tom Boyd preaching. Each service will be followed at 12:35 by a simple lunch (cost is \$5.00). An offering will be taken each week for the benefit of a local non-profit, Among Friends (Cathe Fox, Director).

SUNDAY**February 17**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Committee
- 7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study at FPC

MONDAY**February 18**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism meeting

TUESDAY**February 19**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session meeting

WEDNESDAY**February 20**

- 12:00 P.M. – Lenten service at NorthHaven Church
- 3:30 P.M. – Kid's Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Hand-Chime Choir
- 5:30 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**February 21**

- 3:00 P.M. – Articles due for March Messenger
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting

SUNDAY**February 24**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Worship & Music meeting