



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of righteousness,
you overcome those who abuse their power
and lift up those who suffer.
Even now, when evil seems to hold sway,
we know that you will have the last word.
Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm,
when you will welcome all your children
into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We Praise You, O God

Wilbur Held

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Keep silence in God's presence;
the day of the Lord is at hand!

**Let us not fall asleep,
but live as children of light.**

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast.

**We watch and wait
in faith, hope, and love.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

We Praise You, O God

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You adorn us with the armor of light,
but we hide ourselves in darkness.
You trust us with the message of grace,
but we bury that treasure in fear.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne.**

*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

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Women's Resource Center

Kristy Stewart

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Page No. 1031

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25:14-30

Page No. 860

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Little David (Play on Your Harp)

MESSAGE *Recklessness and Trust* Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* 716

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

It is through faith alone
that we share in Christ and all his benefits:
where then does that faith come from?

**The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts
by the preaching of the holy gospel,
and confirms it
by the use of the holy sacraments.**

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q65

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Soon and Very Soon

Cindy Berry

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606
DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* 707

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C major* J. S. Bach

*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.

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

Ushers for today's service are Lucy Lanning and Michael Yeager.

Lectionary Readings for November 23: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

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

Everyone is invited to a **Thanksgiving potluck lunch** following today's worship service in the fellowship hall.

The **deadline for the December Messenger** is this Friday, November 21. Because the office will be closed Nov. 27-28 for the Thanksgiving holiday, the newsletter will be published on December 1, but material must be received earlier than usual to be included. We would appreciate your cooperation.

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea. We give thanks for the rainforest and its gift of oxygen, so the world can breathe; for mission schools providing learning and hope; and for those who have the courage to fight corruption. We pray for political stability and freedom for the people in all of these countries; for those suffering from HIV and AIDS, and those who lack adequate health care; for those living at a subsistence level, and those who lack clean water and enough food; and for monkeys and other animals that are threatened with extinction due to the destruction of their habitat.

SUNDAY**November 16**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

TUESDAY**November 18**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY**November 19**

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

THURSDAY**November 20**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY**November 23**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group