



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of justice and peace,
from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness,
that all on earth may stand in awe
and wonder before your marvelous deeds.
Raise our heads in expectation,
that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord
and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Dale Wood

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we light our advent candle,
we thank you for the love you give.

As we prepare for Christmas time,
light of the world, shine on us.

As we seek to worship you,
shed love in our hearts.

To all the people who don't know you,
light of the world, shine through us.

In this world of pain and darkness,
help us to share your love.
In our service here today,
light of the world, light the way.

RESPONSE 91

Come, Come Emmanuel

COME, COME EMMANUEL

SCRIPTURE AND SYMBOL OF LOVE

Mark 1:1-11

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CALL TO PRAYER AND CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light,
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*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.

*RESPONSE 113 (refrain)

Gloria in excelsis deo!

GLORIA

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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*HYMN 163

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

ABERYSTWYTH

MESSAGE

Making the Road

Tracy L. Evans

ANTHEM

Love Be Yours, Love Be Mine

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

... as we pray together:

Hear our humble prayer

that we may serve you in holiness and faith

and give voice to your presence among us

until the day of the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Paul Manz

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (see insert)

Paul Inwood

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ Has Died (see insert)

Paul Inwood

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

Threefold Amen (see insert)

Paul Inwood

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Charles Ore

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG 87 *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

GENEVAN 42

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

*POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on ABERYSTWYTH

Healey Willan

*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 December 14: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

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

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

Ushers for today's service are Larry and Lisa Upton.

Communion servers for today's service are Doug and Ann Forsyth, Charlotte Lovett and Jim Rodriguez.

Please pick up your **contribution statement** in the narthex today.

Please join us this evening for the annual **Christmas Pageant** and potluck dinner. The dinner will begin at 5:30, the pageant following at about 6:30. There is a pot luck sign-up sheet for those wishing to provide a dish. If you have any questions about the pot luck dinner, contact Lisa Upton.

Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter. Substance abuse in a loved one often triggers codependency and other patterns of dysfunction among family members. The meeting will be a roundtable discussion on setting healthy boundaries and diminishing enabling behaviors. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse among our young people (both adolescents and adult children). For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info

Kirk Forthman and Jessica Bender invite their Memorial Presbyterian Church family to their **wedding** at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 13, at the church. An RSVP is not required.

Next Sunday, First Presbyterian Church (OKC) will host **Unity of the Church in a Time of Diversity**, a presentation looking at the biblical, theological, and polity path of where the PC(USA) has been and where we are in light of the recent action of General Assembly (GA) on marriage. It will be led by the Rev. Dr. Mark Achtemeier, who has served the PC(USA) since 1984 as pastor, writer, and theologian. He is an author, a member of the Peace, Unity and Purity GA Task Force, and an articulate voice on the marriage issue. This event will take place on Sunday, December 14 at 1:30 P.M. in the chapel at First Church, 1001 NW 25th St. in OKC. For convenience, there will be a catered lunch (donations accepted) in Watchorn Hall beginning at noon. Lunch reservations can be made by calling (405) 525-6584 or at the website: www.fpcokc.org/INPevent

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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 Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Senegal. We give thanks for community and religious organizations that work together to improve food security in rural households, to educate and end illiteracy, to support refugees from neighboring countries, and to provide care for people living with HIV and AIDS; for Christians in these predominantly Muslim countries who continue to witness to their faith and live their lives in accordance with the gospel; and for still dancers in Guinea. We pray for those who flee to urban areas and face problems such as chronic unemployment, alcoholism and drug addiction; for rebuilding and healing in Guinea-Bissau as it recovers from civil war; for those from Cape Verde who are unable to make a living in their home country and must live and work abroad; for all who suffer the effects of water shortages and long-term drought; for an end to discrimination on the basis of religion or ethnicity; for areas that are subject to overgrazing, over fishing, desertification and soil erosion; and for peace, understanding and tolerance between the different religions of these countries, and respect and the freedom to express one's faith.

SUNDAY**December 7**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Communion
- 12:00 P.M. – Worship & Music Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Pot Luck Dinner
- 6:30 P.M. – Christmas Pageant

TUESDAY**December 9**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Christian Education Meeting

WEDNESDAY**December 10**

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

THURSDAY**December 11**

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

SATURDAY**December 13**

- 1:00 P.M. – Forthman/Bender Wedding

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Stewardship Update

January 1 to November 30, 2014

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2014 Budget
Pledges	\$126,781.97	\$131,987.13	\$143,986.00
Other Income	\$27,970.63	\$48,475.13	\$52,882.00
Total Income	\$154,752.60	\$180,462.26	\$196,868.00
Total Expenses	\$166,118.84	\$180,460.28	\$196,868.00

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

3

God of pow'r, God of might, ho - ly Lord!

5

Heav'n and earth are full, are full of your glo-ry. Ho-

7

san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est! Ho -

9

san - na, ho-san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est!

11

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

13

san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est! Ho -

15

san - na, ho-san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est!

