



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of all wilderness wanderers,
you sent John to prepare the way
for Jesus Christ, your beloved son.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that, like John, we may proclaim
the time to turn from sinfulness
and the good news of your grace;
through Christ, the water of life. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Horman; arr. Cast

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning,

God created the heavens and the earth.

The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

**then God said: Let there be light,
and God saw that it was good.**

At the beginning of his ministry,

Jesus was baptized by John.

The heavens opened,

and the Spirit descended like a dove;

**then God said: This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people
and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.**

We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.

**We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your
powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us.**

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.

**As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism,
strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world.**

**Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided
with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Mark 1:4-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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| ANTHEM | <i>I Bind unto Myself Today</i> | |
| MESSAGE | <i>Beginning With Beloved</i> | Tracy L. Evans |
| *SONG OF FAITH | <i>Down Galilee's Slow Roadways</i> | 164 |
| | WEST MAIN | |

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

RENUNCIATIONS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal p. 35

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise....

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Capriccio

Domenico Scarlatti

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

We Know That Christ Is Raised

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ENGELBERG

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*POSTLUDE

Prelude on ENGELBERG

Aaron David Miller

*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 January 18: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

The **Urban Mission item** of the month for January is **peanut butter and crackers**. 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 John and Susan Beck.

Our **new officers** will be ordained and/or installed during worship today. Jessica Farris, Kirk Forthman and Mike Girdner will serve on Session, class of 2017. The new deacons, class of 2017, will be Doris Hinson, Esau Jangha, and Joan Thrailkill; Donna Vint, currently serving in the class of 2014, will join the class of 2016. Congratulations to our incoming officers and our thanks to those who have served in the class of 2014: Ann Fayles, Doug Forsyth, and Karen Girdner (Session); Will Farris, Loreen Upton, and Donna Vint (Deacons).

The **Chancel Choir** will now rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M., starting this Wednesday, January 14. All are welcome.

The **Board of Deacons** invites you to gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, January 18, 2015 as we honor the members of our congregation who have reached **80 years** young and above. It would be helpful to have an approximate idea of how many will attend that day, so if you will be joining us, please call Terry in the church office at 329-3640 before Thursday, January 15, or indicate **YES**—you will attend—when you record your attendance on Sunday morning! The food and birthday cake will be fabulous and the fellowship of our congregation will be blessed by your presence! Everyone is welcome!

Norman's mayor and Human Rights Commission invite the community to the **Mayor's Interfaith Breakfast** honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 19, at First Baptist Church's Hallock Hall, 211 W. Comanche St. Doors will open at 7:00 A.M., with buffet breakfast following at 7:30, and program beginning at 8:00. Keynote speaker will be Marilyn Luper-Hildreth, an advocate for social justice, and one of the original "sit-inners" at the Oklahoma City Katz Drugstore sit-ins of 1958. She has participated in every major civil rights march over the years, and speaks widely on civil rights and social justice issues. Prayers and music will be offered by representatives of several diverse faiths. The event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Jayme.Rowe@NormanOK.gov by January 14.

Mark your calendars—Fellowship & Hospitality will be hosting a **Cabin Fever Social** and Sloppy Joe dinner from 5:00-8:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 24 in the fellowship hall. The dinner will be served at 5:30. Please bring either some chips or cookies/brownies to share at the dinner. Everyone of all ages is welcome to come! There will be board & card games, crafts, a movie with popcorn for the kids and/or adults and the best of all ... lots of socializing.

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 Cyprus, Greece, and Turkey. We give thanks for the Christian church and its continued presence in these lands associated with the early churches of the apostles; for Christians who have remained strong in their faith and continue to be a witness to the gospel; for the wonders of the Church of St. Sophia, the chants on Mount Athos, the frescoes of early churches in Cyprus; and for the blue sea and the mountains. We pray for peace and the healing of entrenched hatred between Greeks and Turks; for comfort for those who grieve and strength for those who work for justice; for survivors of earthquakes and those who assist in bringing long-term relief; for refugees who seek shelter and the possibility of new life; for

all who face discrimination as minorities; and for an end to the division of Cyprus.

SUNDAY **January 11**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Ordination &
Installation of New Officers

TUESDAY **January 13**

7:00 P.M. – Christian Education Meeting

WEDNESDAY **January 14**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. – Building & Grounds Meeting

THURSDAY **January 15**

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SUNDAY **January 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' "Over 80" Celebration
5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting