



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of all wisdom and authority,
you sent Jesus Christ to save us.
Heal us, cleanse us, deliver us,
and cast out the evil within us
so that we may know your Word
and heed your new teaching;
through Christ, your Holy One. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude in C major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

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LACQUIPARLE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Creator, we confess
that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You spoke to us through the prophets,
yet we have not kept your commands.
You give a new teaching through Jesus,
yet we fail to obey your living Word.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Set us free from the grip of sin,
cast out all that is evil within us,
and bring us ever closer to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
The Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:21-28
The Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

New Authority

Tracy L. Evans

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prelude on LAND OF REST

Edwin T. Childs

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION SONG

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

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O QUANTA QUALIA

THE STORY

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.

...to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

...Jesus, firstborn of Mary,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Savior of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, monarch of heaven,

Grant us peace.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Prelude on LAND OF REST

George Shearing

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* 796
LAND OF REST

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

*POSTLUDE *Fugue in C major, BWV 547* 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.

Lectionary Readings for February 8: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.

The **Urban Mission item** of the month for February is **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 Trudy Beard and Linda Eckel.

Communion servers for today's service are Mike and Karen Girdner, Michael Yeager, and Doris Hinson.

Today's **communion liturgy** comes from the Iona Community of Scotland.

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place in Fellowship Hall following worship today, along with a soup & salad potluck lunch. Please join us as we review 2014 and conduct important business for 2015.

Pastor Evans will be out of town from Thursday, February 5 until Tuesday, February 10. There will be no Bible study this Thursday. Harry Wright will preach on Sunday, February 8. Please contact a deacon in case of pastoral emergency.

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 Ireland and the United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland & Wales. We give thanks for the witness of saints and missionaries, who faithfully proclaimed the gospel to these and other lands; for ecumenical initiatives to bring Christians closer together; for the work for justice and peace in which Christians join with others to imagine a better world; for centers of Christian renewal; for tartans, bagpipes and boys' choirs singing in ancient cathedrals; and for poetry and song. We pray for immigrants and asylum seekers who seek a better life in these countries; for reconciliation and an end to enmity between peoples; for strength for those who combat racism; for churches which try to be faithful to Christ in the midst of secularization and change; and for those who feel they have been left behind: the homeless and unemployed, those whose education seems inadequate or their skills out of date, and those who are long-term patients in mental hospitals.

SUNDAY

February 1

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service - Communion

12:00 P.M. – Annual Congregational Meeting

TUESDAY

February 3

7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting

WEDNESDAY

February 4

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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February 8

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10:55 A.M. – Worship Service