



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Holy One, source of all healing and hope,
see how everyone is searching for you.
Come, take us by the hand and lift us up
so that we may serve you in freedom and joy;
through Jesus Christ, Sovereign and Savior. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Pachelbel's Canon/Seek Ye First

arr. Tom Keene

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:21, 31

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

*SONG OF PRAISE

God of Great and God of Small

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

God our Creator, we confess

that we are broken, sinful creatures.

We trust in our own power

when you promise to be our strength.

**We exploit the poor and weak
when you promise them salvation.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us to rely on you alone
and to give ourselves freely for others
for the sake of your good news;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 6:25-34

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Take My Yoke Upon You

MESSAGE

Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf?

Harry Wright

*SONG OF FAITH

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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BRADBURY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Cindy Berry

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

We Are One in the Spirit

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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in B-flat

David Johnson

*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 15: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9.

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 Carolyn Montgomery and Harold Conner.

Memorial Matinee at the Movies: We will see the movie *Selma* at the Regal 14 theater, 1100 N. Interstate Drive (Norman), on Sunday, February 8, at 5:10 P.M. Meet at the theater at 5:00.

Pastor Tracy Evans is on vacation this weekend, attending a family event in Boston. If you have any pastoral concerns, please contact one of the deacons.

Please join us for an **Ash Wednesday** service at 7:00 P.M. on February 18.

The **Urban Mission** will have an open house and all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 21, from 8:00 to 11:30 A.M. They will be offering tours of their Food Resource Center. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, and are available at the door or by calling 946-1556; all proceeds benefit the Urban Mission. The mission is located at 3737 N. Portland, OKC, OK 73112.

Westminster Presbyterian Church (OKC) will host **The Book of Ruth: Famine in the House of Bread Land**, a day of rejuvenation, spiritual nurture, fellowship, respite, and renewal for Presbyterian women and their friends, on Saturday, February 21, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Participants can look forward to worship, a mission project, lunch, the music of Jami Smith, and featured speaker Dr. Lisa Wolfe. Tickets are \$60 per person; scholarships are available. Childcare will be provided with reservations. Register by February 15. Find the brochure with registration form on the church information table or go to www.wpcokc.com/women and click on "Women's One Day Event 2015". The church is located at 4400 N. Shartel, OKC, OK 73118.

Pastor Tracy will lead a **Lenten Study** at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday nights, beginning February 22. We will be studying Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*. This beautiful book takes the story of the Prodigal and studies it through the image of Rembrandt's painting in his depiction of the familiar parable. There is a sign-up sheet on the pastor's office door for ordering the book. Paperback copies are \$10; e-book and audio versions are also available. Please invite your friends.

The deacons will host a luncheon **in memory of Barbara Robinson** at noon on Friday, February 27.

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 Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. We give thanks for the Protestant Church in the Netherlands and its witness towards the visible unity of the church; for Christians who make a

strong witness for justice and peace in our world; and for Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Brueghel, Vermeer and all those who, with their art, have given us new eyes to see. We pray for tolerance and mutual respect between the Flemings and Walloons in Belgium; for drug users and those who sell drugs, that they find comfort and strength in God instead of substance abuse; for the church's vitality to attract once again those who have lost interest in the faith; for a healthy and open discussion between those who believe and those who don't; for people to respect each other's identity; for neighbors to live in peace with one another instead of treating each other with indifference and suspicion; and for young people who cannot find a job after finishing their education.

SUNDAY

February 8

- 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
- 5:00 P.M. – Matinee at the Movies—*Selma*

TUESDAY

February 10

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

WEDNESDAY

February 11

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

February 12

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SUNDAY

February 15

- 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 Meeting