



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Loving God, giver of all light and life,
you sent Jesus Christ into the world
not to condemn, but to save.
Help us to lift up the light of Christ
so that the world might believe in him
and receive the gift of eternal life;
through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Mark Hayes

BRINGING THE LIGHT

LIGHTING THE FOURTH LENTEN CANDLE Melissa Gill
John 9:11
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*SONG OF PRAISE We Gather Here in Jesus' Name 510
COME SHARE THE LORD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
We grumble and complain
when you have provided all we need.
We continue to walk in darkness
when you have given light to the world.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to trust in you
so that we may not perish
but may have eternal life;
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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Tracy L. Evans, cantor

Hal H. Hopson

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Refrain



Thanks be to God, ev - 'ry heart now be joy - ful.



Thanks be to God, re - joice and sing.

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Ephesians 2:1-10

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 3:14-21

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hymn Tapestry

MESSAGE

God So Loved

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor, and Needy

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RESTORATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

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

Ushers for today's service are John and Susan Beck.

This week's Norman Ministerial Fellowship **Lenten service & lunch** will be at First Christian Church, 220 S. Webster Avenue in Norman. The guest preacher will be Linda Harker of McFarlin Memorial UMC, and the worship theme will be "I Am the Light of the World". Services begin at noon. A \$5 lunch is served at 12:35 P.M. An offering will be collected to benefit Mission Norman.

The **Palm Sunday** service on March 29 will begin in Fellowship Hall.

Save the date for Memorial's **50th Anniversary** Celebration Luncheon following a special worship service on Sunday, May 24. If you are in contact with former members who would like to be a part of the celebration—either in person or by a remembrance card—please contact Jona Thiessen at jthiessen2@att.net and so that we may add them to our invitation list. Thanks! **DONATIONS NEEDED:** The 50th Anniversary Committee is seeking direct donations from the congregation to cover the expense of the party. If you would like to contribute, simply mark your donation "50th Anniversary Celebration". There is no specific line item in our budget for the party, so anything received will be greatly appreciated. The committee is working very hard to be cost conscious, while still making this milestone in the life of our church a very special day for ALL!

Prayer requests for the **prayer chain** should be directed to the church office, 329-3640 or mempres1@sbcglobal.net, until further notice.

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 Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam. We give thanks for those who help to clear landmines; for caregivers for those who have lost limbs; for Cambodian Christians who are returning home after years in exile, preaching the gospel and starting new churches; for those who work for peace among communities and inter-religious harmony. We pray for those who grieve either because of civil war and genocide, or because of floods and other natural disasters; for those who suffered losses in the tragic wars and genocides that marked the middle years of the twentieth century, victims of the Indochina Wars still struggling to build up their lives, victims of land mines in Cambodia, unexploded ordnance in Laos, and agent Orange defoliant in Vietnam; for women and children who are kidnapped and taken

from their countries, forced to work in the sex industry; for the establishment of economic justice and the reduction and elimination of debt to wealthy foreign countries; for the children of Cambodia, that they may know peace, and that they be able to play and attend school instead of making war; for the land, that it may be green again, its trees left unharmed and its fruit shared; for the poor, who subsist on an average of less than one US dollar per day; and for Christian witness to the gospel.

SUNDAY

March 15

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

TUESDAY

March 17

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

March 18

12:00 P.M. – Lenten Service at First Christian Church
No Kids' Club
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

March 19

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds Meeting

SUNDAY

March 22

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
5:00 P.M. – M. Y. Group