



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Living God, in Jesus Christ, who stands among us,
we have seen the marks of your saving love.
Breathe on us with the power of your Spirit
and send us out to share the peace of Christ
so that all the world may believe in him
and receive the gift of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Dale Wood

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The peace of God is with us.

Christ Jesus stands among us.

By the power of the Holy Spirit

we have seen the risen Lord.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.
We claim that we have no sin but you know the truth about us.**

We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

...This is the good news of the gospel: 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 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

Lisa Upton

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-35

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 133

How Very Good and Pleasant

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John 20:19-31

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Living Lamb of God!* Lloyd Larson

MESSAGE *Embracing the Resurrection* Samuel McCann

*SONG OF FAITH *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* 314
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What is the nature of resurrection hope?

**Resurrection hope is a hope
for the transformation of this world,
not a hope for escape from it.**

**It is the hope that evil in all its forms will be utterly eradicated,
that past history will be redeemed,
and that all the things that ever were will be made new.**

**It is the hope of a new creation,
a new heaven and a new earth,
in which God is really honored as God,
human beings are truly loving,
and peace and justice reign on earth.**

Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 85

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Fugue in C major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606
DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *Be Thou My Vision* 450
SLANE

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Beloved children, may the love of the holy triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever.

Alleluia!

The Deacons will host a **wedding shower** for Holly (Forsyth) McClure and her husband Matt on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 P.M. Holly and Matt are registered at Dillard's and Target. The Deacons will also host a wedding shower for Corey Fisher and her fiancé Tanner Smith at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 25. Corey and Tanner are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

Westminster Presbyterian Church (OKC) requests the honor of your presence for the **installation** of the Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas as Pastor/Head of Staff on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 P.M., to be followed by a reception in the Payne Garden Court.

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 we will gladly add them to our invitation list. The 50th Anniversary Committee is seeking direct donations from the congregation to cover the expense of the celebration. 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!

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 Japan, North Korea, South Korea, and Taiwan. We give thanks for the flourishing Christian churches in South Korea; for those who witness to the self-giving love of Christ in the midst of cultures that value individual prosperity; for those who are working towards peace and reunification in the Korean peninsula; and for Christians in Japan and Taiwan who serve Christ even when they are small minorities. We pray for greater protection of human rights and a decrease in political corruption; for those families torn apart by the separation of North and South Korea; for those in North Korea who suffer from malnutrition and starvation; for a just and peaceful resolution to all political disputes, especially tensions between China & Taiwan, and Japan & South Korea; for those who seek power, prestige and wealth at the expense of spiritual wholeness, that they may be filled and renewed; for indigenous peoples in Taiwan; for those still rebuilding their lives after powerful earthquakes and nuclear devastation; and for children forced into prostitution.

SUNDAY**April 12**

- 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

TUESDAY**April 14**

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

WEDNESDAY**April 15**

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

SATURDAY**April 18**

- 8:00 A.M. until finished – Spring Cleanup

SUNDAY**April 19**

- 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
- 2:00 P.M. – Shower for Holly (Forsyth) McClure
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting