



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2015

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit  
be our goal and our strength,  
now and always.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Toccatà in C major, BWV 564*

J. S. Bach

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to celebrate the birthday of the church,  
of Christ's church around the world.

**We gather to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

We gather today to celebrate the birthday of Memorial Presbyterian  
Church, one of Christ's congregations serving Norman and beyond.

**We gather to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

And the wind blew. And the fire of God's Spirit touched each one.  
And they ran outside to tell the world.

The followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit and shouted,

**Praise be to God!**

**Praise be to God!**

**Praise be to God!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Holy and Merciful God,  
we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
and we know too well our constant failures  
to do as you have commanded  
and to hold fast to your word.  
Forgive us for the divisions we nurture,  
guide us to your way,  
keep us in your care,  
and lead us into faith.  
We trust your word that the Spirit of truth  
will show us all things  
and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

\*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 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

*I Love to Tell the Story*

462, v.1

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 84

Page No. 512

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Romans 8:14-17

Page No. 983

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Page No. 940

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*God Welcomes Us Home*

Michael Yeager

Please join the choir in singing when directed:

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

MESSAGE

*Children of God, Welcome Home*

Tracy L. Evans

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

\*Apostles Creed

Hymnal, p. 35

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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.**

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

SONG OF FAITH

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

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WATERLIFE

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

### A LITANY OF THANKS

O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation, and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of origin,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions as Pastors, Elders, Deacons, and Staff Members,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, counsel and sponsor,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who have been such a part of our fellowship for so many years, and now serve you in the church triumphant in heaven,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we have heard, and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For a commitment to remain true to your Word in a world of confusing and conflicting voices,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community with the word and witness of the Gospel,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For children and youth who have been here as they were trained in the ways of the Lord and now serve him around the world,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

And for a free and prospered land that has given opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

And now, O Lord, we pray for the children and youth here today that they may be grounded in your truth and learn to love you with a whole heart,

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we pray for the children yet to be born who will sit in these pews in the years to come that they may carry your kingdom to future generations,

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we pray for the mothers and fathers here that they may faithfully tell each new generation of your mercies and your salvation,

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we pray for leaders, pastors, and staff members that their leadership may always be true to your Word and faithful to your calling,

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we desire, Lord, that you will use us to reach out to many within our community and throughout our world that in their need they may know your love and in their sin may find your grace,

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ!

**Amen!**

#### THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

arr. Robin Dinda

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### DEDICATION PRAYER

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

#### \*SENDING SONG

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

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#### \*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE  
CHORAL BENEDICTION

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*  
1st time—Choir, 2nd time—ALL

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\*POSTLUDE

*Litanies*

Jehan Alain

\*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 May 31: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for May is peanut butter. 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.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following today's service as we continue our celebration of **Memorial's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with a luncheon and ice cream social.

Children's **Sunday School** will not meet from May 31 through August 9. Each of the adult classes will determine its own schedule.

**Parents Helping Parents** will meet on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse among our young people (both adolescents and adult children). The group offers hope through shared experience, resources, and education. They promote prevention and intervention, collaborative efforts and increased access to information/services, and support. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: [www.ParentsHelpingParents.info](http://www.ParentsHelpingParents.info)

**SUNDAY****May 24**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon

**MONDAY****May 25**

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

**TUESDAY****May 26**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

**THURSDAY****May 28**

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

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