



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Living God, you sent Jesus, the bread of heaven,
to be our food for eternal life.
Nourish us with your Word
and fill us with your Spirit
so that we may believe and have life;
through Christ, the Holy One of God. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Toccata Quinta

Girolamo Frescobaldi

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Yeager

People of God, whom will you serve?

As for this house, we will serve the Lord.

Where else can we turn? To whom can we go?

Jesus alone has the words of eternal life.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Almighty King

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ITALIAN HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
You call us to love and serve you,
yet we choose false and empty idols.
You call us to new life in Christ,
yet we turn aside and fall back in fear.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us, by your Word and Spirit,
the wisdom and strength
to love and serve you faithfully;
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

Psalm 84

How Lovely, Lord

Hymn No. 402

Ephesians 6:10-20

Page No. 952

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 6:56-69

Page No. 868

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	Kirk Forthman
MESSAGE	<i>More Than Bread</i>	Tracy L. Evans
*SONG OF FAITH	<i>Fight the Good Fight</i> DUKE STREET	846

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

How do you live for the love of God?

I love because God first loved me.

God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends.

Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself.

**I live for the Lord who died and rose again,
triumphant over death, for my sake.**

**Therefore, I take those around me to heart,
especially those in particular need,**

knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 3

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Cindy Berry

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Standing on the Promises

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PROMISES

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

At Night or Day

*POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*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 August 30: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for August is rice. 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.

Our former **pew Bibles** are free for the taking. Please pick one up at the church information table or in the Parlor, Fellowship Hall, Library or former youth room.

We are now able to accept **online donations** through a partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, via the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Look for the "Give Now" button on our website or go to presbyterianmissionexchange.org and enter our church name in the search box. We are currently accepting donations toward the general offering fund and the Capital Improvement fund. Recurring or one-time donations may be made by credit/debit card or by direct transfer from your bank account (EFT). Of course, we still take cash and checks!

Parents Helping Parents will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 27 at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info

On Sunday, August 30, OU's Director of Religious Studies, Dr. Charles Kimball will speak during the church school hour in Fellowship Hall on the topic of **Christianity and Islam in a Post 9/11 World**. Dr. Kimball is an ordained Baptist minister, author of five books, including *When Religion Becomes Evil*, and has been published in *The Christian Century* and interviewed by more than 700 TV and radio stations, as

well as major news outlets. Dr. and Mrs. Kimball are associated with First Presbyterian Church in Norman. Please take this opportunity to join with both adult classes to hear Dr. Kimball speak; there will be light refreshments available. His presentation has been facilitated by Judge Charles Johnson.

We will have a **congregational meeting** following the worship service on Sunday, August 30. We will be voting on officer nominations for the class of 2018 as well as a proposal to confer Pastor Emeritus status on the Rev. Jim Burns (honorably retired). The nominees for session (class of 2018) are John Beck, Melissa Gill and Ross Robinson. The nominees for deacons are Ann Forsyth, Loreen Upton and Holly Van Auken (class of 2018) as well as Jim Rodriguez to complete John Beck's term in the class of 2016.

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 **Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania**. **Give thanks for:** The new life which has emerged from the ashes of communism. The churches, which have experienced new vitality among the people of the Baltic states. Krisjanis Barons, who collected more than a million dainas (Latvian folksongs) – some dating back 1,000 years. The Hill of Crosses near Siauliai, Lithuania, and for all the carved wooden crosses and saints which mark crossroads throughout Lithuania. Ancient Estonian runic chants based on lines of eight syllables with a theme gradually developing from line to line. Smoked fish, hearty breads, pancakes and berry pies. **Pray for:** Economic improvement and stability as these countries convert their economies and experience opportunities that were not available in the past. Justice and strength for those who speak out against corruption and make a stand for the homeless and poor. The large ethnic minorities in each of these countries who have found themselves marginalized, vilified and at times attacked. Care and guidance for women clergy who seek ways to respond to the call of God in their lives. The shrinking of the gap between rich and poor, and for resources and conscience to care for those who have been left destitute in a new economic system. The environment that has been severely degraded by heavy industrialization and urbanization, and those who must live with the results of polluted air, soil and water.

SUNDAY**August 23**

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

WEDNESDAY**August 26**

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**August 27**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SATURDAY**August 29**

- 9:00 A.M. – Worship & Music Meeting

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