



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Great God, you sent Jesus Christ
to serve the least and save the lost.
Take us in your arms and teach us
to welcome all of your children
so that we may be one family;
in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Kiyo Watanabe

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Who will be first in the kingdom of God?

The one who is last and servant of all.

Who will be great in the realm of heaven?

The one who comes as a humble child.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

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BLESSED ASSURANCE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.

We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace.

*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

Pachelbel's Canon/Seek Ye First

arr. Tom Keene

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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THE SERVANT SONG

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

This Is My Story; This Is My Song

*POSTLUDE

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C

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 September 27: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for September is hygiene products. 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 Mike and Joan Cole.

We now accept **online donations** through a partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, via the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Look for the "Give Now" button on our website. Recurring or one-time donations may be made by credit/debit card or by direct transfer from your bank account (EFT). We will continue to accept cash and checks as well.

Our east **parking lot** needs to be repaved. This project is estimated to cost approximately \$68,000. Session has authorized a capital campaign for the month of September, 2015, with the goal of raising this amount. There are about 100 parking spots in the east lot so we are asking people to "buy" or donate enough for one parking spot—\$680 each. Please prayerfully consider donating toward this much-needed repair.

There will be a farewell **reception** for Terry Cast after worship on September 27th. Terry has accepted the position of organist at Kirk of the Hills in Tulsa, starting October 1st.

Memorial will host a **Pet Blessing** on Sunday, September 27 at 4:00. This will be in the courtyard, weather permitting. All creatures are welcome, and should be on a leash or in a crate. If you can't bring your pet, or you wish to remember a deceased pet, please bring their photo.

First Presbyterian Church (Norman) will host a panel discussion titled **Islam, Christianity, Oklahoma... From Violence and Rhetoric to Healing and Hope** on Sunday, September 27 at 6:30 P.M. The panelists will be Imam Dr. Imad Enchassi, the Rev. Dr. Charles Kimball and the Rev. Dr. William Tabbernee. Questions and answers following.

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 **Belarus, Moldova, Russia**

and Ukraine. Give thanks for: Priests, pastors and lay people who gave up their lives during communist times. The long history of Christianity in these lands. Those Christians who consider as important the dialogue with other Christians from different confessions. Choirs that sing God's praises. Beautiful churches which announce the community of the faithful. Church bells, onion domes, deep bass voices chanting the psalms, and icons of the saints. Those who work for democracy and openness in government. **Pray for:** Guidance, as these nations work to reconfigure political and economic structures. Compassion and integrity for all peoples in these nations with such diverse ethnic histories. Those who suffer from alcoholism, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and other life-threatening diseases. The large numbers of people who now live in poverty and are unemployed. Revitalization of the churches after decades of official atheism. Those in Belarus and Ukraine who suffer from the continued effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Those who struggle for democracy and truthfulness in the media.

SUNDAY

September 20

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

MONDAY

September 21

- 6:30 P.M. – Personnel Committee Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Christian Education Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds Meeting

TUESDAY

September 22

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

September 23

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

September 27

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Reception for Terry Cast
- 4:00 P.M. – Pet Blessing
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting