



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ for us,
to show your power and speak the truth.
By your grace, keep us from stumbling,
so that we might enter your eternal realm;
through Christ, teacher of righteousness. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* Emma Lou Diemer

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord our God,
who has delivered us from evil.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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MIT FREUDEN ZART

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

God of grace and God of glory, we live in difficult times. We confess that we do not ask for the help of others—to pray for us. We do not seek the wisdom of older people—to advise us. Worst of all, we do not seek your power—to uphold us. In your great mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

*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

Peace of God Be with You

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As-salaamu lakum

(Sung twice, first in English, then Arabic)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 9:38-50

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Joyful Song

MESSAGE

Who Can Help Us?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Our Help Is in the Name of God

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OLD 124TH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* David Cherwien

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

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* 620
LAUDA ANIMA

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION *Fight the Good Fight*

*POSTLUDE *Toccata in G major* Théodore Dubois

*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 October 4: Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for September is hygiene products. The item of the month for October will be cereal. 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 Karen Girdner.

Memorial Presbyterian Church now accepts **online donations** through a partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, via the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Look for the "Give Now" button on our website or scan the QR code

on the pew card. 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.

The **Mission and Evangelism** Committee is launching its Fall project. We have discerned a need for clothing for many elementary-age children as winter approaches. If you can help, please purchase pairs of blue jeans, sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, or 14 (all regulars). More information will be forthcoming. Any questions may be referred to committee members: Kirk Forthman, Jan Johnson, Doris Hinson, Dave Iske, Eileen Burke, or Erica Phelps.

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

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30 P.M. on Mondays starting September 28 through October 19. Choir rehearsal will return to Wednesday night on October 28.

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 at least one parking spot—\$680 each. Please prayerfully consider donating toward this much-needed repair.

Memorial will host a **Pet Blessing** today at 4:00 in the courtyard. 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** today at 6:30 P.M. The panelists will be Imam Dr. Imad Enchassi, Rev. Dr. Charles Kimball and Rev. Dr. William Tabbernee. Questions and answers following.

On **World Communion** Sunday—October 4—we invite those who are willing and able to wear clothing representative of some of the many cultures from which we come. Be sure to stay after the service for a congregational meal of traditional Cameroonian food.

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 **Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia**. **Give thanks for:** Those Christians and Muslims who remained faithful to

their traditions during Soviet domination. Those who work for peace in a region of ancient animosities, as well as new ones created in the aftermath of the Soviet system. Armenian khatchkars – intricately decorated crosses carved on monolithic rocks. Monasteries and churches, lovingly being restored. Musical traditions going back centuries. Traditions of elaborate family meals and wondrous hospitality. Movement towards democracy. **Pray for:** The Georgian Orthodox Church, that it may rediscover a rich relationship with the family of churches worldwide. A foundation for peace among these countries, and an encouragement of new relationships with neighboring nations. An end to all the boundary disputes which threaten to erupt into violence. Those suffering poverty and unemployment. New concern for the environment.

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

MONDAY

September 28

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

October 1

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SUNDAY

October 4

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- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion
- 12:00 P.M. – Congregational Meal