

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG Will You Come and Follow Me 693  
vs. 1-4

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE  
CHORAL BENEDICTION Lord, Your Summons Echoes True

\*POSTLUDE Song of Joy Christopher Boodle

\*Those who are able may stand.

### MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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#### Mission Statement of Memorial Presbyterian Church

*We are a servant people called to be the light of the world. We come together as members of one body to worship, study, fellowship, witness and serve. In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we promise to care for and support each other as we share God's love with all people.*

#### SESSION

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Mike Cole (329-4325)  
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#### Class of 2017

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Esau Jangha (701-0179)  
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#### Class of 2018

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Vince Leseney

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CHOIR: Kirk Forthman

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Lisa Coker

TREASURER: Mike Cole

CUSTODIAN: Larry Upton



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2016

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of life, death, and resurrection,  
we are grateful for life and all its gifts.  
Increase in us the stuff that life is made of—  
faith, hope, and love,  
but especially love—  
that we may abide with you eternally through  
Jesus Christ,  
our lover and our lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

From the very beginning, God calls us.

**God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.**

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

**But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.**

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

**God is with us and sustains us to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

O God, Who Gives Us Life

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God, our Deliverer,  
we confess that we are too reluctant  
to speak and to live according to your truth.  
We grow comfortable with the way things are,  
passively condoning injustice.  
We see ourselves as “insiders,”  
excluding those we consider “outsiders.”  
We find it easier to pluck up and pull down,  
to destroy and overthrow,  
than to build and to plant.  
Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples.  
Empty us of fear and shame,  
and fill us with love that is humble and patient  
and kind.  
We pray this in the name of the One who  
humbled himself,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*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*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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Luke 4:21-30  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Gentle Dove

MESSAGE

Comfortable and Familiar

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Though I May Speak

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that the unity  
of the people of God  
must be manifested and be active  
in a variety of ways:  
that we share one faith, have one calling,  
are of one soul and one mind;  
have one God and Father,  
are filled with one Spirit,  
are baptized with one baptism,  
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,  
confess one name,  
are obedient to one Lord,  
work for one cause, and share one hope.**  
*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Noel

Tertius Noble

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

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## KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

### Those who seek healing

Gene Bergstresser  
Lola Carroll  
Sandy Clarke  
Paula Coffman  
Janice Crump  
Dave Iske  
Vince Leseney  
Jayelle Martin  
Devyn Upton  
Pam Ashley's husband (Pam is Karen Upton's boss)  
Cory Beck (John Beck's brother)  
Mary Jean Beck (John Beck's mother)  
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Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)  
Britany Clark (Daughter of Paul Upton's co-worker)  
Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)  
Michael Hernandez (Jayelle Martin's second cousin, once removed)  
Clark Hollingsworth (son of John Beck's friend Charles Hollingsworth)  
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)  
Don Smith (Charlotte Lovett's uncle)  
Michelle (Charlotte's neighbor)  
Sharon & Gordon Waterous, family of Donna Vint & Harry Wright  
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Andrew Megehee

Savannah Moseley (daughter of Ann Forsyth's cousin)  
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Jim & Linda Eckel

### Those who grieve

Family of Les & Phyllis Johnston  
Andre Eyabi & Family  
Family of Jane Garlett (Joe Garlett's sister-in-law)  
Family of Michael Johnson (son of Charles & Jan Johnson and husband of Diana Johnson)  
Family & friends of Sara Davis

### Birthdays

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Feb. 03-John D. Montgomery, Jr  
Feb. 04-Mike Johnson  
Feb. 04-Tim Mauldin  
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