

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2016

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Eternal God,  
help us to measure our time,  
in faithful generosity,  
that your will be done,  
your kingdom come,  
for life everlasting,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Forest Green

Wilbur Held

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not put your trust in earthly riches.

**Our hope is in the Lord our God.**

Take hold of the gift of eternal life.

**To this we are called in Christ Jesus.**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE     As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

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#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Sovereign God, we confess  
that we have not turned away from sin.**

**We dress ourselves in fine clothing  
while others sit in tattered rags.**

**We fill ourselves with rich food  
while others beg for scraps of bread.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Make us rich in good works,  
generous, and eager to share  
all the blessings of abundant life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

#### \*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 Be to the Father*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

Rich in Life

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that the church  
must witness against and strive against  
any form of injustice,  
so that justice may roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an  
ever-flowing stream.**

**We believe that the church  
as the possession of God  
must stand where the Lord stands,  
namely against injustice  
and with the wronged.**

**We believe that in following Christ  
the church must witness against  
all the powerful and privileged  
who selfishly seek their own interest  
and thus control and harm others.**

*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Interlude

Charles Callahan

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

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**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG We Are One in the Spirit

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G minor

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 October 2: Lamentations 1:1-6, Lamentations 3:19-36 or Psalms 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:11-19.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for September is canned vegetables. 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 Karen and Paul Upton.

**Is your information correct?** The office is updating the directory. Please contact Lisa with any changes.

**Memorial is hosting the presbytery meeting on Friday, October 7.** Volunteers needed for welcoming, ushering, and serving the meal. Sign up sheet is near the office.

**Our Fall Work Day is Saturday, Oct 1.** Come help get the building ready for all the people who use our facility during the week, and especially those who will be here for the presbytery meeting. Come as early as 8:00 or anytime after to join in. No special skills required.

**SUNDAY**

**September 25**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY**

**September 28**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY**

**October 2**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion