

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of grace and steadfast love
in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray—
stubbornly, relentlessly, faithfully—
crying out for justice night and day.
Hear our prayers for the world you made.
Give us the patience, strength, and hope
to love and care for one another
as you have loved and cared for us—
stubbornly, relentlessly, faithfully—
until justice reigns and peace prevails
at the coming of Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Pavane

Anthony Giamanco

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand firm in the word of the Lord.

Let us call on God, our help.

Continue in the truth of the gospel.

Let us pray and not lose heart.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we have not turned away from sin.
You call us to study the Scriptures,
but we are easily distracted.
You ask us to be persistent in prayer,
but we are quickly discouraged.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Write your Word in our hearts,
so that we may truly know you
and joyfully serve you;
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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 119:97-104

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

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MESSAGE

Persistence and Faith

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

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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

Meditation on St. Stephen

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Guide My Feet

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

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Anthony Giamanco

*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 23: Joel 2:23-32; Psalms 65; 2 timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for October is peanut butter. 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 Doug and Ann Forsyth.

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

There is a Congregational Meeting today following worship. This will be to act on the slate of officers for Deacons and Ruling Elders for the Class of 2019 as presented by the Nominating Committee. The following people are being nominated: Eileen Burke, Grace Tamakong and Bree Upton for Deacon and Trudy Beard, Nick Lindley and Charlotte Lovett for Elder. Nominations may be made from the floor.

Trunk or Treat will be Monday, October 31 from 6:30-8:00. There will be a moon bounce, free hot dogs, popcorn, pickles and bottled water. There will be a sign up sheet for donations and to enter your trunk. This has been a wonderful outreach to our community and a lot of fun to participate in. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a frightfully good time! If you have any questions contact any Fellowship & Hospitality member.

SUNDAY

October 16

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting

5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

TUESDAY

October 18

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

October 19

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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