

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of blazing light,
through the power of the cross
you shattered our darkness,
scattering the fears that bind us
and setting us free to live as your children.
Give us courage and conviction
that we may joyfully turn and follow you
into new adventures of faithful service,
led by the light that shines
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tracy Evans

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major

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BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
We proclaim the message of the cross:
this is the wisdom and power of God.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Here in This Place

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of glory, we confess
that we have not sought your face.
We adore the high and mighty
and ignore your humble servant.
We act with prejudice and partiality
and fail to share your love for all.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Pour out the power of your Spirit
and renew us in our calling:
to show the wonder of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*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

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 27

Hymnal 90

ANTHEM

Kids' Club Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Two Words

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

The Church's One Foundation

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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

He Leadeth Me
Devyn Upton, flutist

arr. Jerry Ray & M. Yeager

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Fight the Good Fight

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the God of Hope Go With Us

*POSTLUDE

*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 January 29: Micah 6:1-8; Psalms 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for January is Soup. 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 Ross Robinson and Loreen Upton.

Join us today for the Chili Cook Off. Come and enjoy a bowl of chili made with love.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be **February 5** following worship with a Potluck in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars for a one night only event! The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee is proud to present the MPC Showcase! This entertainment packed showcase will be on Saturday, February 11th from 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm, doors to open at 6:50 pm and the performances will begin at 7:30.

SUNDAY

January 22

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:00 P.M. – Chili Cook-off

5:30 P.M. – Youth Group

WEDNESDAY

January 25

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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