

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God our deliverer,
you walk with the meek and the poor,
the compassionate and those who mourn,
and you call us to walk humbly with you.
When we are foolish, be our wisdom;
when we are weak, be our strength;
that, as we learn to do justice
and to love mercy,
your rule may come as blessing. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Variations on Restoration: I & III George Shearing

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

What does the Holy One require of us?

To be just, kind, and humble before God.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy 415

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

God of mercy,

**We confess that we rely on our own wisdom rather
than on yours;**

we trust our own strength instead of your holy power.

**We are surprised to find that we are foolish and weak
and try to hide the truth from ourselves, from others,
and from you.**

**Forgive us, that we might trust in your goodness
alone,**

**and relying on your power, seek to do your will,
doing justice, showing mercy, and walking humbly
with you.**

(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

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

I Surrender All

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

The Direction of God's Blessing

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Blest Are They

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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

Response: ...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY Pure in Heart Jon Spong

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

DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! 804

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION We Will Walk With God

*POSTLUDE Variations on Restoration: II & IV George Shearing

*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 February 5: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalms 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16); Matthew 5:13-20.

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 Mike and Karen Girdner.

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 29

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 a.m. – Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

February 1

3:15 p.m. – Kids' Club

4:00 p.m. – Children's Choir

6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

February 5

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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10:55 a.m. – Worship Service

12:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck