

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Ever-present God,
who is at the side of every creature in creation,
renew our lives so that we may discern and
do your will,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Rock of Ages

Seth Bingham

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

This is our spiritual worship.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Rock of Ages

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our redeemer, we confess
that we remain captivated by sin.**

**We fail in our love for you,
forgetting your gracious acts.**

**We fail in our love for one another,
forsaking our neighbors in need.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Time for silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
we would now be lost in sin.

But it is the Lord who is on our side.

And so we are forgiven.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

*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 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

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MESSAGE Small Beginnings Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH We Are One in Christ Jesus 322

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God
brings justice to the oppressed
and gives bread to the hungry.
We believe that God
frees the prisoner
and restores sight to the blind.
We believe that God
supports the downtrodden,
protects the stranger,
helps orphans and widows,
and blocks the path of the ungodly.**

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

Abide With Us

Ronald Nelson

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 700

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

 CHORAL BENEDICTION Take My Life and Let it Be

*POSTLUDE Come, Holy ghost, Our Souls Inspire Kevin Hildebrand

 *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 September 3: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 6-23, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for August 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 head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Larry and Lisa Upton.

MPC is collecting school supplies and non-perishable reasonably healthy snacks for Jackson Elementary, our neighborhood school. A list of needed supplies is in the hallway.

Kids Club begins Wednesday, September 6. See Holly Van Auken or Tracy Evans for more info.

COMING SOON... Fall kick off potluck breakfast **September 10**.

SUNDAY

August 27

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

August 30

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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