

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of freedom,
you brought your people out of slavery
with a mighty hand.
Deliver us from our captivity to pride
and indifference to the needs and gifts of others,
that we may be ready to love
as you have loved us,
and to give even as we have received. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Foundation

Dale Wood

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Whether we live or die, we belong to God.

Christ is Lord of the dead and the living.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

How Firm a Foundation

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Gracious and loving God,

you lived for us—we have not lived for you.

**You have forgiven us—we have not
forgiven others.**

**You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves
nor have we loved one another.**

Take pity on us and forgive us, God.

Help us to forgive.

Help us to live for you.

Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(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 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:19-31 Page No. 53

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 14:1-12 Page No. 923

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35 Page No. 800

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE From the Heart Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH When We Are Living 822

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Reflection on "At the Name of Jesus" Stanley Westen

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

At the Name of Jesus

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Craig Phillips

*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 24: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for September is **toilet paper**. 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 Jim and Linda Rodriguez.

Sunday, **October 1 is Worldwide Communion Sunday, In addition to a special worship service, we will have an International Potluck.** You are invited to bring a dish from another country as we celebrate brothers and sisters around the globe.

Next week, Rev. Dwight Welch will preach while Tracy is on vacation.

SUNDAY

September 17

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

TUESDAY

September 19

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

September 20

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

September 24

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