

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*You know each of us by name, O God,
and in your sight we have found favor,
yet our minds cannot comprehend
the vision of your glory
or the vastness of your love.*

*Grant that as we glimpse your greatness,
reflected in your many gifts,
we may always return to you
the praise that is yours alone.*

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to God for the faith we share;

be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of mercy,
we place our trust in tangible things—
things we can see and touch—
and question whether you are really there.**

**Forgive us, Holy One,
when we fail to recognize
that you are always nearby,
patiently waiting for us to recognize
your presence and your glory.**

**Help us when we lose our way,
and forgive us when we forget
to whom we truly belong.**

**Lover of justice,
open our eyes to see you;
open our ears to hear you;
open our hearts to love you;
and open our hands to serve 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 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Jessica Farris

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:11-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE Beside Ourselves Cynthia Rigby

*SONG OF FAITH There Is Now a New Creation 774

*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

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Take My Life

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

For the Life that You Have Given

*POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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 29: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for October is canned vegetables. 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 Ross Robinson and Jeff Roesel.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM BUCKETS for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – **Our project to collect cleaning supplies to fill 5-gallon buckets to be distributed to people whose homes were damaged in our recent hurricanes is going well.** Please check the sign-up sheet in the hallway to find out what we still need to fill our buckets. If you prefer, you can contribute money – by cash or check in the collection plate at worship indicating that it is for the Buckets – and we will use it to purchase items that we still need. THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!

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SUNDAY**October 22**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:05 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

TUESDAY**October 24**

- 6:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY**October 25**

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

SUNDAY**October 29**

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- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service