

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*You let us choose, O God,
between you and the false gods of this world.
In the midst of the night of sin and death,
wake us from our slumber
and call us forth to greet Christ,
so that with eyes and hearts fixed on him,
we may follow to eternal light. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Air (from Water Music) George Frederic Handel

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Choose this day whom you will serve.
We will love and serve the Lord.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Holy and gracious God,
you are all light and wonder and glory.
You are our strength and our delight;
you give us all we need to live.
Yet we are distracted by all that glitters,
continually grasping for more.
Rather than trust in your provision,
we chase after our own happiness.
Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.
Overwhelm us with your goodness
and cover us with grace,
for we know that you are the source of life,
the fount of all that is good.
In the name of Jesus we pray.**
(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 Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Page No. 187
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Page No. 960
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Walk in the Light

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 25:1-13 Page No. 806
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE What Do We Need ? Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH It Is Well with My Soul 840

*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

SUNDAY**November 12**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Thanksgiving Potluck
- 1:00 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

TUESDAY**November 14**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY**November 15**

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY**November 19**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting



*Finding Our Way Home:
An Advent Exploration of Exile and Return*

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Saturday, December 2, 2017

9:00am-3:00pm

Through journaling, prayer, discussion, art and worship, this retreat will explore our own exiles and how to return to that settled place our hearts long for during the season of Advent.

Leader Carol Waters is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Clinton and First Presbyterian Church, Elk City. She is a spiritual director and enjoys leading spiritual retreats. She and her husband Mark Wesner live in Cordell and have both been active in the work of the presbytery.

Suggested donation of \$20. Please invite your friends to this event.
