

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of the covenant, even when we fall into sin,
your Spirit invites us to remember
that you chose us to be your servant people.
Awaken us to the power and gifts
you pour into us for the good of creation,
and grant that we may be trustworthy in all things,
producing abundantly for your realm. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Variations on Kremser

Michael Graham

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 123

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Keep silence before the Lord God!

The day of the Lord is at hand.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

We Praise You, O God

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us
and made us children of light.**

Yet we reside in the darkness.

**We settle for the seeming security
and comforts of home,**

**where our talents may be tucked away,
our gifts preserved, but paralyzed.**

**You call us to live in faith,
investing in the world you made—**

to exercise our gifts,

even at the risk of losing them.

Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy.

Help us understand your will for us.

Teach us what you desire.

Embolden us to steward well

**the gifts you have entrusted,
that one day, we might fully enter your joy.**

(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 Habitat for Humanity

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Holy Investing

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry 799

*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:...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Cantabile

John Behnke

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 377

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE We Gather Together Wilbur Held

*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 November 26: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for **November is pasta**. 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 Lucy Lanning and Charlotte Lovett.

We now have all the MPC volunteer Salvation Army Red Kettle bell ringers for our Dec. 5 ringing date. If for some reason you still want to ring a bell, let Paul Phelps know and he will try to schedule you with one of our other bell ringers. Thanks.

Coming Soon... Advent Retreat Saturday, December 2, 2017. Sign-up sheet outside of Tracy's office. More information on insert.

A **called meeting of the congregation** will be held on November 26th following worship. Purpose of the meeting is to elect officers (elders and deacons) for the class of 2020.

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
2:00 P.M. – Service for Virginia Vaughan Mills
5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY**November 22**

NO Kids' Club
NO Children's Choir
NO Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**November 23**

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY**November 24**

OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY**November 26**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
12:00 P.M. – Congregational 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.
