



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of power unexpected,
we want you to tear open the heavens and come down;
to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall
until all nations tremble at your presence!
But you,
you will not perform according to our wants and whims.
Instead you come like the sound of sheer silence.
Thin. Quiet. Instead you are born among us as an infant.
Instead you show us how love is made perfect in weakness.
So we will stay alert,
or at least we will try,
because we are your people
and there is no other God besides you. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia!

Song: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

#85, verse 1

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "I am coming!"

Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Heaven and Earth will pass away.

But the word of the Lord endures forever

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
We study the trends of our times
and ignore the signs of your reign.
We trust in things that pass away
and forget your eternal promise.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Strengthen us, by your hand,
so that we may be ready for that day
when you come to reign in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*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

Gloria

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,

Glory to the Holy Spirit, Glory to the Three in One.

As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be,

World without end Amen. World without end amen. Amen

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ross Robinson

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 80

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Refrain

Advent: Lord, come soon, come to
Ordinary Time: God of love, come and

save us. Lord, come soon.
 help us. Lord, hear our prayer.

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Mark 13:24-37

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Advent Time

Tracy L. Evans

ANTHEM

Prepare Ye the Way of The Lord

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.
His faith and obedience were the response
of the perfect child of God.
He was the fulfillment
of God's promise to Israel,
the beginning of the new creation,
and the pioneer of the new humanity.
He gave history its meaning and direction
and called the church to be his servant
for the reconciliation of the world.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Come quickly, Lord; **our hope is in you.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One
praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Holy Ghost, amen.
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION People Look East

*POSTLUDE

*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 December 10: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Mike and Karen Girdner.

Communion servers for today's service are Susan and John Beck, Michael Yeager, and Nicholas Lindley.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for **December is soup**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Please join us for a **Christmas Potluck and pageant December 10th at 5pm**.

We are happy to share gifts this Christmas season with four families who are spending this Christmas at the Women's Resource Center shelter in Norman. They certainly need and deserve our support. Please don't wrap the gifts you buy! Please bring them back to church on or before Sunday, December 10th, marked clearly with the name.

Advent Sunday School Class on Four Seasonal Hymns has begun, taught by Tracy Evans and Michael Yeager, 9:30 am.

We will worship at our regular time on Christmas Eve Day. There will NOT be Sunday School.

Please join us for a special **Christmas Eve candlelight service, December 24th** at 7pm.

SUNDAY

December 3

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

WEDNESDAY

December 6

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

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December 10

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- 5:00 P.M. – Christmas Potluck and Pageant