



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Loving God, you sent your prophet John  
to prepare your way among us,  
to call us to repentance and make our  
pathways straight.  
Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love  
and faithfulness  
as we await the Messiah's return,  
that all may see your reign of peace  
through your just and gracious rule. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      Comfort, Comfort, Now My People                      Paul Manz

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 2

\*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            Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Maker, we confess  
that we are not ready to meet you.  
You call us to repent,  
but we turn away from you.  
You wait patiently for us,  
but we fail to watch and wait for you.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Embrace us with tender mercy  
so that we may be at one with you  
when all your glory is revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
(Time of silent reflection)

\*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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

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ANTHEM

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-8

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Are You Prepared?

Rev. Mark Frame

\*SONG OF FAITH

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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\*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*

RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING MEMBER: Kirk Forthman

...God has blessed you and made you a blessing in our life together.

**You have deepened our joy  
 and lightened our sorrow.  
 We will miss your love and support,  
 yet we rejoice that you will now bless others  
 as you have blessed us.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Come quickly, Lord; **our hope is in you.**  
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

J. S. Bach

\*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 Spirit, Three in One.

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Lord, Make Us More Holy

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads

Seth Bingham

\*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 17: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-1; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for **December is soup**. 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 Harry Wright and Donna Vint.

Please join us for a **Christmas Potluck and pageant TODAY 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 10**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service  
5:00 P.M. – Christmas Potluck and Pageant

**TUESDAY**

**December 12**

6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**December 13**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club  
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY**

**December 14**

7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting

**SUNDAY**

**December 17**

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