

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2017

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Almighty God, Light from Light,  
who commands the universe and all that is made,  
your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken,  
the force of good, and the food of peace.  
Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue.  
Heal us now so that in all that we say or do,  
the freedom we have in you may be for others, too. Amen*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE    Jerusalem, My Happy Home    George Shearing

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**  
Give thanks to God with your whole heart.  
**Great are the works of the Lord.**  
Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE    Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works    Hymnal, No. 21

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Creator, we confess  
that we are broken, sinful creatures.  
You spoke to us through the prophets,  
yet we have not kept your commands.  
You give a new teaching through Jesus,  
yet we fail to obey your living Word.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Set us free from the grip of sin,  
cast out all that is evil within us,  
and bring us ever closer to you;  
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                      Glory Be to the Father                      Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING                      Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING  
I Corinthians 8:1-13                      Page No. 930  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM                      And I Will Praise Thee, O God

SCRIPTURE READING  
Mark 1:21-28                      Page No. 812  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      Knowledge and Authority                      Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH                      Child of Blessing, Child of Promise                      Hymnal, No. 486

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF MILLIE YATES KLEND A

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

THE BAPTISM

PRAYER AND WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... To you, O God, we cry; **be gracious to us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Land of Rest

George Shearing

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Hymnal, No. 796

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

\*POSTLUDE

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

\*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 February 4: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for January 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 Mike and Joan Cole.

If you didn't get a **star word**, there are words available outside the church office. You may use the word you choose to guide you through the year. Ponder it, listen for it, let it open you to new ideas. **If you have a friend who might like to join us in having a star word, you are welcome to take one for them, too!**

Next Sunday, **February 4 will be the Annual Congregational Meeting** following worship. The Fellowship & Hospitality committee is hosting a **Chili Tasting** for our lunch, so bring your favorite chili or side. All are welcome to attend!

**SUNDAY**

**January 28**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**January 31**

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

**SUNDAY**

**February 4**

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