

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
(Psalm 51:1-2 )*



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fantasy on Kingsfold

Thomas Keesecker

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in love.**  
God's promise is for all generations;  
**God's covenant is with every living thing.**  
Let us worship God

\*SONG OF PRAISE Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days Hymnal, No. 166

\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.**

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**God our Redeemer, we confess  
that we are people of ashes and dust.  
You have claimed us in your covenant,  
yet we forget your steadfast love.  
You seek us out in the wilderness,  
yet we continue to wander in our sin.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Wash us clean, once again,  
so that we may return to you  
and follow your holy way;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.**

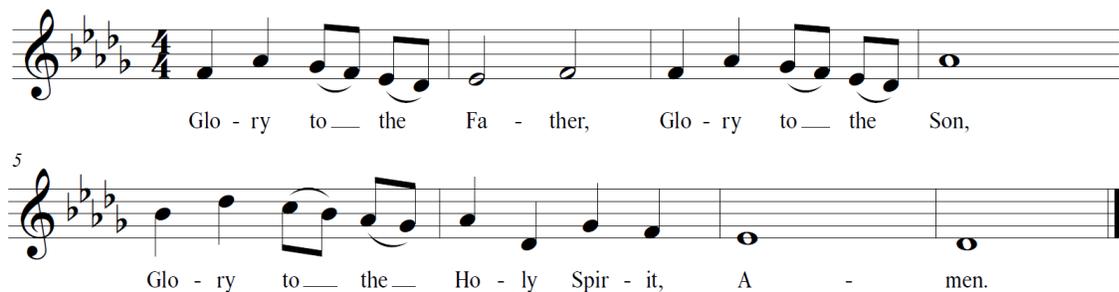
\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Lenten Gloria

TAKE ME AS I AM

John L. Bell MWYeager

TIME  
WITH



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Glo - ry to the Son,  
Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, A - men.

YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9:8-17

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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PSALM READING

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

**Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;**

**let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me,**

**for you are the God of my salvation;**

**for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**

**according to your steadfast love remember me,**

**for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**He leads the humble in what is right,**

**and teaches the humble his way.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Come to the River Jordan

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:9-15

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Living into our Baptism

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

Hymnal, No. 163

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The reconciling work of Jesus**

**was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.**

**His cross and resurrection become personal crisis**

**and present hope for women and men**

**when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.**

**In this experience,**

**the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,**

**moves people to respond in faith,**

**repentance, and obedience,**

**and initiates the new life in Christ.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Sacred Head

Ernst Pepping

\*DOXOLOGY

Lenten Doxology

ST. FLAVIAN

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God all crea - tures here be - low, Praise  
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God a - bove ye heav'n - ly hosts, Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Hymnal, No. 618

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (sung)

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy, we may attain at last.

\*POSTLUDE

Forty Days and Forty Nights

\*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 25: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.

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

**Ushers** for today's service are Karen and Paul Upton.

We are **now collecting food for Food & Shelter in Norman**. We believe our mission in feeding the hungry should start in **our own community**. **Our February food collection item is: Peanut Butter**. Donations can be dropped off in the box by the information table.

**Tracy will be teaching Bible Study** on Mondays during Lent, Feb. 19-Mar 26 at 7:00 pm. Sign up outside her office door.

The **Norman Ministerial Fellowship** will once again be hosting their Lenten Services each Wednesday at noon. There is a 30-minute worship service, with a community pastor preaching, followed by a lunch at 12:30, hosted by the church (a \$5 donation for the meal is suggested). **Memorial will be hosting the lunch on March 7 and we will be needing help!** If you can help on the day, or with the preparation that leads up to it, please let Donna Vint know! This is a great chance to open our doors to our community and let folks know about us.

**Join the Norman community for midweek Lenten worship and lunch.** This week's worship will be at Alameda Church of Christ, with Mark Robinson, pastor of Wildwood Community church, preaching

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 18</b>
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	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 20</b>
7:00 P.M. – Lent Bible Study	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 20</b>
7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 21</b>
3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club	
4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir	
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir	
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