

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018



## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.*

*Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me. (Psalm 51:3-5 )*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Christ the Life of All the Living

Martin Schumacher

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in love.**  
Jesus calls us to be his disciples.  
**We take up the cross to follow him.**  
Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

To Abraham and Sarah

Hymnal, No. 51

\*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

In the name of Christ, I urge you:  
Be reconciled to God.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.  
**God our Redeemer, we confess  
that we are people of ashes and dust.  
You call us to be a blessing in the world,  
but we only seek our own benefit.  
You call us to give our lives for others,  
but we only seek to save ourselves.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Set our minds on divine things—  
the good news of the gospel  
and the promise of new life in you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
(Time of silent reflection)

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

Glo - ry to — the Fa - ther, Glo - ry to — the Son,

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Glo - ry to — the — Ho - ly Spir - it, A - men.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Melissa Gill

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 22:22-31

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

**You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his  
face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

**From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay  
before those who fear him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the  
families of the nations shall worship before him.**

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

**To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him  
shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.**

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done  
it.

ANTHEM

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:31-38

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Thanks Be To God?

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Hymnal, No. 718

\*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

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Paul Manz

\*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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Hymnal, No. 182

\*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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

John Behnke

\*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 March 4: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.

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.

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

**Ushers** for today's service are Loreen Upton and Diana Johnson.

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 held at the Railhouse, 102 W. Eufala, hosted by Grace Fellowship. Mark Robinson, pastor of Wildwood Community Church will preach.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 25</b>
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 26</b>
6:00 P.M. – Worship ad hoc committee meeting	
7:00 P.M. – Lent Bible Study	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 28</b>
3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club	
4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir	
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 3</b>
1:00 P.M. – Memorial Service for Gene Bergstresser	
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