

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018



## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.  
For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be  
pleased.  
(Psalm 51:15-16)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johannes Brahms

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(LBO) Please rise in body or spirit for the Call to Worship.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in love.**  
The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

**We are God's people; the Lord is our God.**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal, No. 264

\*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

**God our Redeemer, we confess  
that we are people of ashes and dust.**

**You write your law in our hearts,  
yet we pretend we do not know you.**

**You lifted up Christ for all to see,  
yet we turn away from your glory.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Teach us to delight in your way,  
to seek you with all our hearts,**

**and to trust in your saving love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Time for 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,  
5  
Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, A - men.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Melissa Gill

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 51:1-12

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.**

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 judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-33

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Seeing Jesus

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymnal, No. 223

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**To be reconciled to God  
is to be sent into the world  
as God's reconciling community.  
This community, the church universal,  
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation  
and shares God's labor of healing the enmities  
which separate people from God  
and from each other.  
Christ has called the church to this mission**

**and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
The church maintains continuity  
with the apostles and with Israel  
by faithful obedience to his call.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31*

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

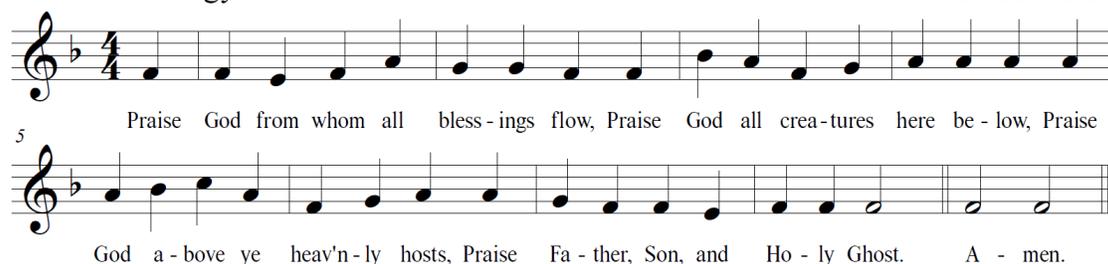
Wondrous Love

Thomas Chesterton

\*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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Hymnal, No. 213

\*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

Passacaglia (excerpt)

Josef Rheinberger

\*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: Mark 11:1-1; Psalm 1-2, 19-29.

The **Food & Shelter in Norman** item of the month for March is **cereal**. 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 Tim and Jona Thiessen.

**Join the Norman community for midweek Lenten worship and lunch.** This week's worship will be held at First Christian Church, 220 S. Webster Ave. Mike Bumgarner, of Norman Regional Health System, will preach.

**Easter is coming!** We will have our annual potluck and egg hunt on Sunday, April 1 at 9:30am.

If you can **donate wrapped candy for our egg hunt**, please drop it off in the office by Wednesday, March 28.

**SUNDAY**

**March 18**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting

5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

**TUESDAY**

**March 20**

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**March 21**

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY**

**March 25**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Palm Sunday Worship Service