

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Breathe in this place, O Lord,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
to open our minds,
unlock our hearts,
and enliven our faith
so that we may welcome
the risen one among us. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Stay With Us

Bernard Sanders

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

How very good and pleasant it is

when the people of God live in unity.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Hymnal, No. 254

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleansing us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

(Time of silent reflection)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The new life in Christ does not release women and men
from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear.
Each still has to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.
Nevertheless, as one matures
in love and faithfulness in life with Christ,
one lives in freedom and good cheer,
bearing witness on good days and evil days,
confident that the new life is pleasing to God
and helpful to others.
The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus,
His deeds and words,
His struggles against temptation,
His compassion,
His anger,
and His willingness to suffer death.
The teaching of apostles and prophets
guides men and women in living this life,
and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.**
Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.23-24

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Jesus Lives, the Victory's Won Kevin Hildebrand

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Go, My Children, with My Blessing Hymnal, No. 547

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION We Will Walk With God

*POSTLUDE This is the Feast Charles Callahan
*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 April 15: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for **April is can openers**. 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 Carl and Julie Forthman.

We welcome Nancy Hendrix to the pulpit today.

Expecting to be a theological librarian, Nancy Hendrix completed the Master of Divinity degree at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. after she completed the Master of Science in Library Science degree at Clark-Atlanta University in Atlanta, Ga. However, the Lord intervened; she was ordained as PCUSA Minister in 1998.

During her 19 years in Louisiana, she served as solo pastor of Woodland Presbyterian Church in Pineville, LA., later, as board certified hospice chaplain at Christus Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, LA.

Her two sons live in Dallas and Austin, TX. And she moved to Norman with a green parakeet and rescue cat named Jasmine.

SUNDAY	April 8
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service	
MONDAY	April 9
6:00 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting	
TUESDAY	April 10
6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Meeting	
7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting	
WEDNESDAY	April 11
3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club	
4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir	
SUNDAY	April 15
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	