

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O Trinity,

fill our weakness with your strength;
bind up our brokenness with your unity;
calm our fears and our dread of dying
with your peace.

Let us be about the tasks of your love.
Use us to build a holy place
where healing and caring and joy
blend in the tones of worship
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Meditation on 'Eventide'

William Henry Monk

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

In Christ we are no longer strangers;
we are members of the household of God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Hymnal, No. 182

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Holy, triune God, we confess
that we have not lived for your glory.
You claim us as beloved children,
but we do not honor your name.
You call us to paths of righteousness,
but we fail to follow your way.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Break down the walls that divide us
from you and from one another,
and build us up into a holy temple;
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

Lucy Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 89:20-37

"I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.

If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,

if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,

then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.

I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.

His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies."

SPECIAL MUSIC Morning Has Broken Holly Van Auken and Michael Yeager

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Samuel McCann

*SONG OF FAITH

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Hymnal, No. 169

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Chorale Op. 28 No. 10

Marcel Dupré

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Hymnal, No. 310

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Toccata Op. 29 No. 1

Gabriel Pierné

*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 July 29: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for July is **jelly**. 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 Paul and Erica Phelps.

We welcome **Samuel McCann** to our pulpit today. Samuel will begin his third year of Seminary at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary this fall, and is a candidate for ministry under care of MPC.

Memorial Presbyterian will again be **collecting school supplies this year**; we are collecting for both Jackson and Kennedy Elementary. We have connections to both of these schools, so are happy to be helping out the kids at both. The stores that sell school supplies have the lists of what the kids need. Please help if you can. **We will start Sunday July 29th and continue through August.**

The children of Ross Robinson invite you to celebrate Ross's 90th birthday at a reception at the church, July 28th from 2pm-4pm

We will hold a church-wide **garage sale on August 4th**, so start gathering those items that are ready to be loved by another family! Sign up to help, on the day or week before the sale, in the hallway.

We have a new prayer chain! Just send an email to MPCprayerchain@gmail.com with "Add Me" in the subject

SUNDAY **July 22**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

TUESDAY **July 24**

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

SUNDAY **July 29**

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