

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Good and generous God,
you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people
through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.
Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others,
sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted,
and receiving all who assemble in your name
with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality;
in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Trio Sonata IV- I. Andante J.S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Be strong; do not fear! God is with us.
The Lord will come to save us.

*SONG OF PRAISE O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Hymnal, No. 610

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
You call us to seek justice,
yet we abuse and ignore the poor.
You call us to show mercy,
yet we turn away from those in need.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us the wisdom and courage
to abandon our places of privilege
and to show our faith in action;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time on and forevermore.**

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

I Love to Tell the Story

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-37

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Why Did Jesus...?

Traci Truly

*SONG OF FAITH

When the Poor Ones

Hymnal, No. 762

*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:... God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Elevation

Alexandre Guilmant

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound

Hymnal, No. 766

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

To God All Glory, Praise and Love

*POSTLUDE

Organ Concerto in A minor, III. Allegro

J.S. Bach

*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 September 16: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-2; Mark 8:27-38.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for September is **peanut butter and 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 Trudy Beard and Ann Fayles.

Today we welcome **Traci Truly**. Traci is a graduate of Austin Seminary and is lives in Garland, Texas.

SUNDAY

September 9

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

TUESDAY

September 11

6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting

WEDNESDAY

September 12

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

September 16

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