

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Almighty God,
you call your church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE The Lord, My God, Be Praised Richard Hillert

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence
of God's creative works.

**Their voice goes through all the earth
and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

*SONG OF PRAISE Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom 174

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**You have called us, O God,
and we have refused to listen;
you have stretched out your hand
and we have not taken it.**

**We have taken what you have given us
and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you.
We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.**

**Forgive our inability to recognize you
and live out the reality of your gospel.**

**Give us the insight we need
to understand your place in our lives
so that our words and actions reflect**

the glory of God in the lives of others.
In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.
(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
In 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 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Melissa Gill

SCRIPTURE READING
Proverbs 1:20-33 Page No. 509
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 19
The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his
handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
**yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end
of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong
man runs its course with joy.
**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
**the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment
of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter
also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**
Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great
reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

ANTHEM All This and More

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE Take Up What?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Though I May Speak

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
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 Improvisation on "Gift of Love"

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Lift High the Cross 826

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION Lift High the Cross

*POSTLUDE Crucifer Rebecca Groom Te Velde / Solena Rizzato

*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 23: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

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 Larry and Lisa Upton.

Next Sunday, Ruling Elder Michael Yeager will preach. Pastor Tracy Evans will be on vacation.

Looking Ahead:

World Communion Worship and Potluck	October 7
Speaker Panel on Hunger	October 14
Fall Clean-up	October 20

SUNDAY**September 16**

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

TUESDAY**September 18**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY**September 19**

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

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