

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Merciful God,  
you hear our cries and honor our tears.  
Stir in us such a passion during worship  
that we might vow to give you our best,  
for the glory of your name. Amen.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                                      Symphony No.1-V. Andante                                      Louis Vierne

## BRINGING THE LIGHT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;  
**our strength is exalted in God.**  
Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;  
**God has given us the victory.**  
There is no Holy One like the Lord;  
**there is no Rock like our God.**  
**Praise the Lord!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE      O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!                                      Hymnal, No. 41

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Eternal God, we confess  
that we have failed to seek your will.  
You warn us of what is to come,  
but we ignore the signs of the times.  
You promise us a new creation,  
but we cling to the ruins of this world.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Wash away the stain of our sin  
and keep us faithful in love and in deed,  
while we await your coming in glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
(Time of silent reflection)

### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS



\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,**

**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**

**sets us free to accept ourselves**

**and to love God and neighbor,**

**and binds us together with all believers**

**in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles**

**rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,**

**engages us through the Word proclaimed,**

**claims us in the waters of baptism,**

**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**

**and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,**

**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,**

**praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God**

**in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*From "A Brief Statement of Faith"*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sonata No. 2- II. Larghetto

Alexandre Guilmant

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

My Lord! What a Morning

Hymnal, No. 352

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune In D major

David Johnson

\*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 November 25: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for November is **canned meals** like Ravioli, SpaghettiOs, Beef Stew, Chili, Soups. 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 Thiessen.

We welcome **Nancy Hendrix** to the pulpit today.

**SUNDAY**

**November 18**

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

**THURSDAY**

**November 22**

OFFICE CLOSED

**FRIDAY**

**November 23**

OFFICE CLOSED

**SUNDAY**

**November 25**

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