

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Eternal God,  
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan  
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.  
Grant that all who are baptized into his name  
may keep the covenant they have made,  
and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior;  
for he lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who thirst. Come to the font!  
**Dip your soul into the water of life.**  
Come, all who hunger. Come to the table!  
**Eat your fill of the bread of life.**  
Come, all who are weary. Come to worship!  
**Rest your spirits in the house of God.**  
Come, all who thirst.  
Come, all who hunger.  
Come, all who are weary.  
**Come and worship God!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE      Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing      Hymnal, No. 475

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**We are precious in your sight,  
yet we often forget that we are your beloved.  
We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.  
We follow selfish goals  
and deny that our way of life harms others and  
hurts your world.  
We are sorry and we want to change.  
Create in us a clean heart,  
strengthen our resolve,  
reconcile us one to another,  
and bless us with your peace. Amen.**  
(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                      John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of  
Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.**

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of  
Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people  
with peace!**

ANTHEM                      A Peaceful Alleluia

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      Living Our Baptism                      Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Take Me to the Water

Hymnal, No. 480

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's sovereign love is a mystery  
beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God  
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving  
sinful men and women.  
The power of God's love in Christ  
to transform the world  
discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator  
who made all things  
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**  
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Baptized in Water

Hymnal, No. 482

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Love of the Lord

\*POSTLUDE

\*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 January 20: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for January is **cereal**. 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 Grace Tamukong and Rafael Ayang.

Coming up — our annual **congregational meeting** will be Sunday, Feb. 3, following a **soup potluck**.

Reminder to committee chair: your **annual reports are due today**.

**SUNDAY** **January 13**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service  
12:00 P.M. – MY Group  
5:00 P.M. – New Officer Training

**MONDAY** **January 14**

6:00 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

**TUESDAY** **January 15**

7:00 P.M. – Called Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY** **January 16**

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

**SUNDAY** **January 20**

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

