

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 27, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
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 Sonata IV- 1. Grave Felix Mendelssohn

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the teachings of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
The law of the Lord is more precious than fine gold;
the goodness of God is sweeter than honey.

*SONG OF PRAISE Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 645

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of grace, hear our prayer.
Your good news is for all people.
Forgive us when we limit it to people like ourselves.
Your grace is for all people.
Forgive us when we hoard it, unable to believe in your abundance.
Your love is for all people.
Forgive us when we ignore it, fearing that we might be unworthy of your grace.
Move us to see the world as you know it:
bursting at the seams with your mercy and your love.
(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

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Lucy Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 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

Lord of Life

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Hearing Scripture

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

I'll Praise My Maker

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*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

Sonata IV- 2. Adagio

Johann Sebastian Bach

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

The Lord Is God

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

To God All Glory

*POSTLUDE

Sonata IV- 3. Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

*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 February 3: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.

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 Melissa Gill and Solange Bobga.

Annual **congregational meeting** will be Sunday, Feb. 3, following a **soup potluck**. You are invited to sign up in the hallway.

SUNDAY

January 27

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

TUESDAY

January 29

7:00 P.M. – Fellowship and Hospitality Meeting

WEDNESDAY

January 30

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

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February 3

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