

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Loving God,
you save all who seek refuge in you.
Grant that we who know your salvation
may walk always in your light,
take courage in your faithfulness,
and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us.
Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Symphony No. 2- V. Adagio Charles Marie Widor

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*OPENING SENTENCES

God's gifts are as many as the stars,
God's grace as endless as the evening sky.
Let us worship the Christ who binds us together,
the One in whom we place our trust.

*LITANY FOR LENT

Lord Jesus Christ,
you bless us with your word,
even when we mock and curse you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ,
you reach out to us in love,
even when we reject and despise you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ,
you pour out your grace for us,
even when we give you sour wine.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
(Time of silent reflection)

*SONG OF PRAISE God Is my Strong Salvation Hymnal, No. 841

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Holy One,
Yours is a story of grace and mercy.
Yours is a harvest of righteousness and truth.
Yours is a gospel of goodness and sharing.
Yours is a love that overflows.
Forgive us of the ways we fall short of your call.
Convict us of our failings.
Enlighten us to your truth.
Enliven us for your service.
Empower us through your forgiveness.
Shower us with your grace.**
(Time of silent reflection)

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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Hymnal, No. 582, v. 1

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
The Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 27

Hymnal, No. 90

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1
The Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-36

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

What Jesus Looks Like

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Hymnal, No. 700

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience,
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith,
repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Improvisation

*DOXOLOGY

Praise to God the Father

Hymnal, No. 605

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Lord You Give the Great Commission

Hymnal, No. 298

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the steadfast love of God,
the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
If any wish to be my disciples
let them take up the cross
and follow me. **Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Hymnal, No. 582, v. 2

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Tocatta In e minor

Johann Pachelbel

*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 March 24: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for March is **peanut butter**. 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 Linda Eckel.

It's not too late!

Please join Tracy for a **Lent Bible study** on Mondays, March 11-April 15, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Study will be *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, by author, professor and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine. Books are available for \$12. Sign up outside Tracy's office.

The Norman Ministerial Fellowship is hosting its annual Lenten series. On Wednesday, March 20, First Christian Church will host the worship and lunch, which begins at noon. Pastor Peggy Farris, retired Minister will give the sermon. A \$5 donation is suggested for the lunch.

We will host the Lenten series on April 10. Please let Donna Vint know if you can help!

Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser for Camps and Conferences! Plan to stay after worship and enjoy a spaghetti lunch on **March 31**.

SUNDAY **March 17**

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

MONDAY **March 18**

7:00 P.M. – Lenten Bible Study

TUESDAY **March 19**

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY **March 20**

No Kids Club

SUNDAY **March 24**

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