

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

August 11, 2019

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O God of promise, creator of the cosmos,  
you are the first light breaking through the void,  
and the final light we shall eternally enjoy.  
Keep our hearts ever vigilant  
as we wait to welcome you,  
that you would find us clothed in love,  
dressed for action, and eager to receive you. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus, Still Lead On

Paul Manz

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, O people! Listen for the voice of God.  
**We have heard God's voice in mighty thunder,  
in joyful laughter, in faithful questions.**  
Come, O people! Watch for the presence of God.  
**We have seen God's presence in rolling hillsides,  
in busy streets, in one another.**  
Come, O people! Taste the goodness of God.  
**We have tasted God's love in broken bread,  
in shared wine, in living water.**  
Rejoice, O people! God is here.  
**Let us rejoice and worship God together!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal, No. 49

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**You tell us that where our treasures are,  
our hearts are sure to be.  
Forgive us when we treasure  
the shallow things of this world  
more than we cherish the depth of your grace;  
when we choose comfort over faithfulness,  
power over love,  
wealth over discipleship,  
selfishness over service.**

**Forgive us, Holy God, and move us,  
that through the act of confessing  
we may recognize our failings  
and be freed by your grace to try again.**

(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 Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Lucy Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

**Selah**

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

"Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.

**Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."**

ANTHEM As the Deer

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:32-40

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

Get Ready! Get Set!

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Hymnal, No. 688

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

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

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Hymnal, No. 708

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go with us, Lord

\*POSTLUDE

Toccata in 7

John Rutter

\*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 August 18: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for August is **soup**. 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 Linda Eckel & Anne Doh.

**Guest organist today is Emily Rudquist.** Welcome, Emily!

**The Mission and Evangelism** committee are still collecting personal hygiene items for Redrock and Griffin for the summer months. Travel size items are the perfect size.

**SUNDAY** **August 11**  
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**MONDAY** **August 12**  
6:30 P.M. – Worship & Music meeting

**TUESDAY** **August 13**  
6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism meeting

**WEDNESDAY** **August 14**  
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY** **August 18**  
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

## KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

### Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll  
Sandy Clarke  
Jim Eckel  
Laura Eckel  
Doug Forsyth  
Mike Girdner  
Alice Lanning  
Jayelle Martin  
Jona Thiessen  
Devyn Upton  
Karen Upton  
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)  
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)  
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

### Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Donna Vint whose husband Harry Wright died on July 7.

Carl Forthman whose mother Betty Forthman died on July 1.

### Seminary Graduate

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

### Birthdays

August 11– Sandy Johnston  
August 13– Michael Pennington  
August 18– Lizzet Annoh

### Anniversaries

August 11– Jimmy & Molly Rambur  
August 14– Gary & Joan Thraikill

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea**

We are **thankful** for:

- the heritage of ancient trade routes, rich oral traditions and nomadic practices of people in the lands these countries now occupy
- humanitarian work to improve food security and livelihoods, especially for women
- pro-active efforts to preserve the environment in these desert lands
- welcome and provision for those who often must flee across borders.

We **pray** for:

- those impoverished who lack basic needs and rights, that these will be met
- desperate children and others who turn to crime or begging or become enslaved
- effective response to the frequent droughts and hunger in this area
- more stable political rule in these countries to stem violence and provide for all.