

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty God, you have taught us
that all our deed without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the very bod of peace and of all goodness;
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

Präludium

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BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the One who nourishes us,
**who satisfies us in parched places
and makes our bones strong.**

Let us worship the One who calls us,
**who leads us to compassion
and draws us nearer to justice.**

Let us worship the One who creates us,
who forms and reforms us in the image of our maker.

*SONG OF PRAISE

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Hymnal, No. 393

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**You are faithful, O God of mercy,
from everlasting to everlasting.**

**Forgive us when our faith withers,
our passion grows weary,
and our focus wanes.**

**You are loving, O God of mercy,
from everlasting to everlasting.**

**Forgive us when our love is too shallow,
our compassion too slow,
our status too important.**

**You are the creator, O God of mercy,
from everlasting to everlasting.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Quartet

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Hymnal, No. 69

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Here I am Lord

*POSTLUDE

Finale at Five Parts

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*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 September 1: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

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 Anne & Gilbert Doh.

Kids' Club is coming! We may be getting a bit of a late start this year, but it will happen. Stay tuned!

We are in need of volunteers for our wonderful Wednesday program. We need drivers to pick up at schools, folks in the kitchen to cook and/or clean, friends to help with homework and just adults who like to hang out with our great kids. If you have some time each Wednesday, or could fill in occasionally, please let Tracy Evans or Karen Girdner know.

Please help us gather the following items recommended by our own educator – Jo Beth Bailey. These are things that teachers constantly need and run out of, because they don't get contributed as much as more conventional supplies for students: Hand sanitizer; Bleach wipes; Lysol spray; Baby wipes; Kleenex; Paper towels; Coffee filters (used as snack bowls); Card stock – 8 ½ by 11" - white & colors; Painter's tape and Packing tape. There are lists on the bulletin board in the hallway to help you shop. We will collect your contributions and deliver them to Kennedy and Jackson Schools. You can also, of course, contribute cash or a check; please annotate it for "School Supplies."

SUNDAY

August 25

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

WEDNESDAY

August 28

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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September 1

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KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jan Cunningham
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Alice Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Gene Thraikill
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

John Beck whose mother Mary Jean died on August 19.
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 25– John Beck
August 26– Scott Wilson
August 29– Angie Martin
August 31– Kirk Forthman
Holly Van Auken
September 1– Larry Upton Sr.

Anniversaries

August 29– Charles & Jan Johnson
August 31– Bill & Betty Silman

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal**

We are **thankful** for:

- the many ways in which these countries have moved beyond their colonial histories, especially the scars related to slave trade
- this area's distinctive music and cultural practices of storytelling (*griots*)
- economic and educational advances that have lifted some out of poverty
- promising transitions into democracy and changes in government leaders
- the persistent, faithful witness of churches in the midst of other faiths.

We **pray** for:

- those people in these societies who continue to live in abject poverty
- an end to policies, systems, and cultural practices that continue to exploit and marginalize some groups
- the fair election of more just government leaders who respect the rights of all people
- faith communities witnessing and working together for the common good.