

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

September 15, 2019

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Gracious God,  
when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day,  
you are Lord;  
and when chaos threatens to overwhelm—  
still, you are Lord.  
Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining.  
Speak then your mercy into this place  
until we discover the courage to  
open our eyes,  
unclench our hands,  
and move toward our neighbor in need,  
until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace;  
for we long to honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray.  
Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      Humbly We Adore Thee, Variation I                      Gerald Near

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to this place to search for God,  
**but God is already searching for us.**  
We come to this place to speak to God,  
**but God is already speaking to us.**  
Let us worship and listen for God,  
**who calls us together and leads us home.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      To God Be the Glory                      Hymnal, No. 634

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**O Lord, you love and care for us, the sheep of your fold.  
You provide for us and nurture us  
with the food of your presence  
and the waters of your grace.  
Still, O Lord, we wander astray,  
as if we did not need your love.  
Still, O Lord, we wander astray,  
as if we could live this life on our own.  
Forgive us, Lord, and call us back**

**with a gentle word and a reminder of your promises.  
Forgive us, Lord, and call us back  
with a shepherd's crook and a glimpse of your providence.  
For we fear we cannot find our way home  
without the sound of your voice to guide us.**  
(Time of silent reflection)

\*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

MOMENT FOR MISSION                      Charlotte Lovett

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING                      Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28                      Page No. 613  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM                      Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do  
abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

**The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are  
any who are wise, who seek after God.**

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does  
good, no, not one.

**Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people  
as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?**

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the right-  
eous.

**You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their  
refuge.**

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores  
the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

ANTHEM                      Awake, My Heart!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

Losing and Being Lost

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymnal, No. 802

\*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

Air

Jonathan Battishill

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymnal, No. 81

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Praise the Lord

\*POSTLUDE

Humbly We Adore Thee, Variation IV

Gerald Near

\*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 22: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 15:1-10.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for September is **pasta and pasta sauce**. 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 Jim Rodriguez & Tim Thiessen.

Kids Club begins this week! We will begin **Wednesday, September 18**. Lisa Coker, our Administrative Assistant, will be taking on the coordinating duties including carpools and meals. THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to do pick-up duties at schools. We are still needing some help in the kitchen. No major cooking, just heating, serving and clean-up. Even the occasional Wednesday would help. Let Lisa, Karen Girdner or Tracy Evans know if you are willing.

**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****September 15**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Deacon Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

**TUESDAY****September 17**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY****September 18**

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

**SUNDAY****September 22**

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

## 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  
Yanann Yeager  
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

September 15– Rebecca Bates  
September 18– Alexandra Pennington  
September 19– Jessica Forthman  
September 20– Mariolise Sama

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay**

We are **thankful** for:

- individuals, churches and other organizations who remain committed to seeking healing, justice and truth
- the furthering of human rights and democratic institutions
- the ways in which those of different faiths and ethnicities are working together for the common good and for the needs of people and creation
- how churches, from out of what people are experiencing, have led global ecumenical work for an economy that serves life.

We **pray** for:

- greater respect for Indigenous people and greater acceptance of all peoples across bounds of ethnicity and religion
- The protection of children from violence and abuse, and recognition of their rights and dignity
- effective help and empowerment for those who live in poverty and other marginalizing situations
- those who protect and care for the region's threatened soil, forests, waters, glaciers
- truth and justice in continuing investigations to find those responsible for crimes against humanity, and continued healing for those affected
- economic development that benefits all and effectively addresses the systemic factors that impede it.