

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Holy God,
you have commanded us to not be afraid
and assured us of your presence.
In the midst of trials and joys,
sorrows and dreams
may we know your presence and rejoice.
Grant us courage, O God,
to take delight in your spirit in all times and all places.
Grant us faith, O God,
to see the myriad of ways you give life.
Grant us hope, O God,
to participate in your work in the world.
Grant us love, O God,
to welcome, respond, and act with compassion in all
we say and do.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who are burdened.

Come worship God, who sets us free.

Come, you who are weary.

Come follow the Spirit, who gives us strength.

Come, you who are seeking.

Come listen to Christ, who teaches us the way.

Come, you who are you willing.

Let us worship God!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Hymnal, No. 54

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

**You are the God of the living,
breathing life into every corner of death.
Forgive us, Lord, when we do not recognize your Life:
when we ask the wrong questions or do not hear the answers;
when we choose empty silence over faithful words;
when we choose empty words over faithful silence;
when we choose not to act when faithful action seems risky.
Forgive us, O Lord, God of the living,
for our lives depend on your Life.**
(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 Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 961
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
**One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare
your mighty acts.**
On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will
meditate.
The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

ANTHEM I Will Exalt My God, My King

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 20:30-42

Page No. 231

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Grace of Friendship Samuel McCann

*SONG OF FAITH Now There is No Male or Female Hymnal, No. 493

*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

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymnal, No. 611

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Your Name We Bless, O Risen Lord

*POSTLUDE

*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 November 17: Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21: 5-19.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for November is **blankets, sweatshirts and gloves**. 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 Carl & Julie Forthman.

Thanksgiving Potluck will be November 17th after worship. Sign-up sheet in the hallway.

SUNDAY

November 10

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

MONDAY

November 11

- 6:30 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

November 13

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

SUNDAY

November 17

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Thanksgiving Potluck

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jan Cunningham
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Karen Girdner
Blair Lanning
Judd Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Gary Thraikill
Jona Thiessen
Devyn Upton
Karen Upton
Janann Yeager
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)
Jim Leseney

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Linda Eckel and family whose husband Jim Eckel died October 31.

Lisa Upton whose father Nolan Spaugy died on October 30.

John Beck whose mother Mary Jean died on August 19.

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

November 10– Jennifer Eckel

November 13– Lorraine Annoh

November 15– David Wilson

November 16– Sandy Clarke

November 17– Gladys Jangha

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

Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty of the land and waters of Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, and the special relationship that people enjoy with the natural environment
- the identities and cultural practices that indigenous peoples long have maintained, and for their increasing political voice
- how the people have welcomed new immigrants
- how churches have witnessed and worked together ecumenically, especially amid challenges of apathy in highly secularized societies.

We **pray** for:

- churches to have the imagination, skills and energy to build bridges of understanding in increasingly multireligious and multicultural contexts
- those who work tirelessly on issues of justice for the poor, the marginalized and the dispossessed, especially indigenous peoples
- those seeking refuge and a new life in these countries, and those supporting and providing for them
- careful preservation of the fragile land, sea, and resources.