

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Ever-living God,  
before the earth was formed  
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.  
Break into our short span of life  
and show us those things that are eternal,  
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in unity with the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE    Jerusalem, My Happy Home    George Shearing

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The day of the Lord is coming!  
**God will complete creation:  
a new heaven and new earth.**  
The glory of the Lord is coming!  
**God will overturn each stone  
and bring justice into light.**  
The Spirit of the Lord is coming!  
**God will draw us into communion,  
and all our prayers will be thanksgiving.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE      Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above    Hymnal, No. 645

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

**O God of mercy, hear our prayers.  
Your spirit calls us to movement and change,  
but we are stubborn, hesitant, and fearful.  
We choose the familiar over the faithful,  
the comfortable over the courageous,  
selfishness over service,  
diatribe over dialogue.**

**O God of mercy, hear our prayers.  
Forgive us of our sins,  
and move us to live as people transformed.**  
(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

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING                      Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING                      Page No. 607  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM                      Psalm 98                      Tune: BEACH SPRING

**Sing new songs to God Almighty,  
Marvel at God's majesty!  
In the ace of foes around us  
God has brought us victory!  
Nations all shall see God's promise;  
Love endure and faith prevail;  
Evermore will God be gracious  
To the house of Israel.**

**Joyful songs of praise and honor  
Earth shall sing with one accord;  
Horn and trumpet raise a mighty  
Shout of tribute to our Lord!  
Seas and floods rejoice with gladness;  
All the earth God's gifts profess:  
Endless grace conceived in mercy,  
Justice born in righteousness.**

ANTHEM                      God of Great and God of Small                      Natalie Sleeth

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:5-19

Page No. 856

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

A Witness to God's Future

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal, No. 450

\*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

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

Stephen Folkemer

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

O Day of Peace

Hymnal, No. 373

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

I Love Thee, My Lord

George Shearing

\*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 24: Jeremiah 1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43.

The **Food & 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 Anne and Gilbert Doh.

Come and join us today after worship for our **Thanksgiving Potluck**.

The Worship and Music committee joyfully invites you to assist in **preparing the sanctuary for the Christmas season**. Joan Cole and Vince Leseney will be "directing the decorating" at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 29. All are welcome!

This year we will be **providing Christmas gifts for the Women's Resource center**. Keep an eye out for more information soon.

**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

**TUESDAY**

**November 19**

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**November 20**

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

**SUNDAY**

**November 24**

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  
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

Mike and Joan Cole whose brother Jim Cole died November 12.  
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 17– Gladys Jangha

November 18– Lola Carroll

Jan Garlett

Leann Williams

November 23– Alice Lanning

Ben Jangha

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines**

We are **thankful** for:

- the vital witness of churches in this region
- the diversity of ethnicities, cultures and religious beliefs, and especially those in Indonesia who have built bridges between them
- those who have resisted bravely and worked for human rights, justice, peace and reconciliation, especially the National Council of Churches in the Philippines
- those who protest exploitative mining, deforestation and other environmental damage.

We **pray** for:

- governments in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Timor Leste, that they will eradicate corruption, establish justice and peace, and work effectively for the wellbeing of all their people
- victims of violence, torture, drug and human trafficking, and human rights violations, that those responsible might be held accountable
- all those affected by earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters, and for the rebuilding of communities afterwards
- ecumenical and interfaith cooperation to bring justice, peace and sustainability to these lands.