

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

January 19, 2020

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Holy God,
you sent your son to be the light of the world,
so that all may know the brightness of your love.
Fill us with your grace this day
that we too may bear witness to his light
and serve your coming reign.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Blessed Spring

James Biery

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! The Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.

**We welcome the Anointed One,
who makes us whole.**

Look! God's Chosen One,
who calls us each by name.

**We greet the Messiah,
who summons us to follow.**

Come and see—the Lord is here.

**Our hearts are made glad by God's grace!
Praise the Lord!**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Hymnal, No.744

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Baptizing God,
by water and the Spirit
you anoint disciples and witnesses,
prophets and teachers,
to make your reign known throughout the earth.
But we deny your claim on our lives,
and pretend we have no part
in proclaiming the good news.
You call us to testify to your grace.
We fall silent.
You call us to declare your truth.
We shrink from speaking out.
You call us to point others to Christ.**

**We fade into the crowd and hope others will take the lead.
Forgive us, Lord.
Send your Spirit upon us,
and reclaim us for your work
so that our words and deeds might glorify you.**
(Time of silent reflection)

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
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 Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING
Isaiah 49:1-7 Page No. 592
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.
You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me."
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."
I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

ANTHEM The Light of the World is Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

What Have You Seen?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Hymnal, No.737

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving
sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator
who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lamb of God

F. Melius Christiansen

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Come! Live in the Light!

Hymnal, No.749

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Are Called to Act With Justice

*POSTLUDE

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Flor Peeters

*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 January 26: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for January is **Non-Perishable foods** of all kinds as they were cleared out during the holidays. 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 Will & Jessica Farris.

Reminder to committee chairs: your annual reports are due February 3rd.

SUNDAY

January 19

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

MONDAY

January 20

6:30 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

TUESDAY

January 21

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

January 22

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

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KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

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

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Samuel McCann whose grandmother died December 11.
Linda Eckel and family whose husband Jim Eckel died October 31.
Lisa Upton whose father Nolan Spaugy died on October 30.

Joys

Julian Warren Beck, born December 26, son of Jenny and Warren Beck, proud grandparents are Susan and John Beck

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

January 19– Charles Johnson

January 24– Kelsey Hudson

Melinda Clements

January 26– Nancy Silman

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

We are **thankful** for:

- the 2,000-year presence and witness of the church in Asia Minor (now Turkey, Cyprus, and Greece) – the region in which St Paul and other apostles first planted the seeds of the Christian faith – and for how Greek culture influenced the early church
- the Church Fathers who came from this area, along with many men and women who were Christian martyrs, and where seven ecumenical councils were convened
- the pioneering work of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in quest of Christian unity and for protection of the environment
- those who have reached out to assist people who have fled to, and through, these lands.

We **pray** for:

- the healing of memories and wounds inflicted by early 20th century genocides of Armenian, Greek, and Assyrian communities, and for current tensions in these lands
- enhanced respect for all minority groups and their claims,
- those who work for justice and reconciliation
- the people who struggle because of economic and political crises in these countries
- more stable democratic governments that further the good of all.