

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God, our light and our salvation,
Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom
and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men.
Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus,
that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the
kingdom at hand
and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of
the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service Wayne Wold

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
From our daily labors, the Lord summons us.
Freed from fear, we are bold to follow.
"Come! I will make you fishers of people."
We respond with gratitude and praise!

*SONG OF PRAISE Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Hymnal, No.395

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.
On the bustling shores of Galilee,
Jesus called Peter and Andrew, James and John.
Immediately, they dropped their nets.
Immediately, they abandoned their boats.
Immediately, these fishermen-turned-followers
set out to fish for people.
Christ, you also call to us.
But we are slow to set aside
the mundane tasks that shape our lives,
slow to abandon the weak excuses
we recite to drown out your voice,
slow to drop the daily demands

**that compete for our attention.
Call to us again, we pray,
and summon us to lives of gracious service.
Fashion us into faithful followers
who hear Christ's commands
and respond with courage and compassion,
so that we might proclaim the reign of God.**
(Time of silent reflection)

Know that God forgives you, 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 Lucy Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 555
Isaiah 9:1-4
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the
stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the
house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of
the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me un-
der the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I
will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make
melody to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you
who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salva-
tion!

ANTHEM The Living Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

A Call to Follow

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

You Walk along Our Shoreline

Hymnal, No.170

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

To Ruling Elder-Michael Yeager

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... God of light, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

SUNDAY

January 26

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

WEDNESDAY

January 29

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

SUNDAY

February 2

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
Blair Lanning
Judd Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Emily Ryther
Gary Thraikill
Jona Thiessen
Janann Yeager
Melinda Clements
Pam Normile
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.

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 26– Nancy Silman
January 27– Rachel Klenda
Ross Forsyth
January 28– Jim Annoh
January 29– Julie Forthman
Jessica Farris
January 30– Jeff Roesel
January 31– Ashu Abunaw

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

Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia

We are thankful for:

- How the early Christian church developed here.
- The biodiversity of plants, animals and the natural terrain.
- How Berber, Arab and European cultures have blended.
- How these countries have remained and stood against the invasion of cultural and military forces from elsewhere.

We pray for:

- all the people of these countries: Muslims, the tiny remnant of Christians, those of other faiths who continuing bearing witness to their faiths and for all people of good will.
- an end to political violence.
- an end to how dominating powers have fought over these lands and their resources through the years.
- for those suffering exploitation and mistreatment as they travel through these countries.