

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Embracing Father, you grace each of us with equal measure in your love. Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply, so that we can create peaceful and just communities. Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the structures we need to overcome the obstacles of intolerance and indifference. May Jesus provide us the example needed and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Communion Suite for Organ

Henry Kihlken

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Open our ears

**To hear your word**

Open our eyes

**To see your presence**

Open our arms

**To the embrace of community**

Open our minds

**To the beauty of truth**

Open our hearts

**To the joy of new life.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Hymnal, No. 618

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Hymnal, No. 423

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**God of extravagant and boundless love: We come, not always knowing how to find our way back to the home we have in you. Sometimes running from you, sometimes running from ourselves, we run to places and things that we think will fulfill us, but we find ourselves empty. We are so grateful that you are always waiting for us to return, with open and embracing arms and a full table. Too often though, we admit that we have not been welcoming to others, even as we have been welcomed and reconciled. Help us to open our hearts and our arms to embrace others, even those we do not understand. Restore us to your community of**

**love so that we may be merciful as you are – to others and to ourselves. Amen.**

(Time of silent reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

\*THE PEACE

The peace and community of Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE Womb of Life and Source of Being

Hymnal, No. 3

Verse 4

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
we would praise your name forever, One in three and three in one.  
We would share your life, your passion,  
share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Solange Bobga

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Page No. 2

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

A Sense of Call

\*SONG OF FAITH

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Hymnal, No. 440

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Abide with Me

Lorie Line



## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG                      I Want Jesus to Walk with Me                      Hymnal, No. 775

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE  
CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                              Humbly We Adore Thee                              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 March 8: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-7.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for **March is razors, shaving cream for men and women, combs and brushes**. For a more detailed list please check with Lisa in the office. 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 Jo Beth Bailey and Trudy Beard.

Communion servers for today's service are **Charlotte Lovett, Donna Vint, Susan Beck and Solange Bobga**.

**Rev. Evans will be out of the office this week** as she attends the NEXT Church conference in Cincinnati.

**The Norman Ministerial Fellowship is hosting its annual Lenten series.** On Wednesday, March 4, First Presbyterian Church will host the worship and lunch, which begins at noon. Guest Speaker Justin Westmoreland, of Trinity Presbyterian Church will give the sermon. A \$5 donation is suggested for the lunch.

No garage sales, no raffles, no magazines to buy! Let's make this easy! You are invited to participate in our **Envelope Fundraiser for our Camp and Conference Fund**. Simply pick one or more envelopes off the bulletin board in the hall. The number of the envelope is the suggested donation. Fill the envelope (cash or check) , and place in the offering plate or bring to the office. Thank you!

**SUNDAY**

**March 1**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**March 4**

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

**SUNDAY**

**March 8**

- 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

March 3 – Michael Klenda  
March 4 – Angela Jones  
March 5 – David Stensrud  
March 6 – Harold Conner  
March 7 – Elvira Sama

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales**

- We give thanks for:
  - the many distinct cultures in these islands and how literature, music, dance, and other traditions rooted here, have enriched people around the world
  - the economic and other aid that consistently have come from the area to those in the world who are most in need
  - the many who have emigrated to other parts of the world, and in turn, the immigrants from these lands who are now turning the United Kingdom and Ireland into increasingly multi-ethnic, multireligious societies
  - the positive contributions Great Britain has made in world history and that church leaders have played in the ecumenical and interfaith movements.
- We pray for:
  - the healing of scars and memories that linger after times of colonization
  - overcoming barriers so that all might experience welcome as these countries become more genuinely multi-ethnic and multi-faith
  - resolving differences and political tensions over how Great Britain should relate to the rest of Europe
  - dealing with the challenges of increasing secularism and the emergence of new ways of expressing religion and spirituality.