Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

25th Sunday after Pentecost **November 15, 2026**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP
Let this be our faith, O God,:
to trust your love, and to receive it;
to live with kindness and with mercy;
to seek justice and to give ourselves
to the building of right relationships;
and to humbly stay near you
as you walk among us.
Let this be our faith:
to trust your love, and to receive it,
and to be kind.

PRELUDE Hornpipe in F Major G. F. Handel

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lucy Lanning

We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
Let us worship together this day!

*SONG OF PRAISE We Praise You, O God Hymnal, No. 612

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray. Amen.
(Time for silent reflection)

Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. Be at peace. Amen.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Glory to God Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 960

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 90:1-8, 12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

ANTHEM Jubilate, Sing Praise! Diane Hannibal

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30 Page No. 807

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Buried Treasure Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Hymnal, No. 716

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,

the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen
(I Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9; Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20;28)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Response:…Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, p. 35

Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Give Thanks Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Hymnal, No. 12

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Rigaudon Andre Campra

*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. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for November 22: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for November are cough drops/ cold medicine and blankets. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

Join us following worship on November 22 as we decorate the worship space for Advent/Christmas.