



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2014

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Gracious God,  
we thank you for being ever present with us.  
We know that we are never alone.  
Your mercies have been faithful and rich.  
Pour out your Spirit upon us,  
that we might do the work of your will.  
In the name of the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

David Johnson

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

**The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

**The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

**The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our redeemer, we confess  
that we remain captivated by sin.  
We promise to serve you,  
then we fail to do your will.  
We pretend to follow you,  
then we go our own way.  
Forgive us; liberate us!  
Let us be no longer bound by sin,  
but released, restored, set free  
to worship and serve you in freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*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

*We Are Forgiven*  
*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.*  
*Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Ann Fayles

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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Philippians 2:1-13  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM

*Simple Thanks*

MESSAGE

*Having the Same Mind*

Tracy L. Evans

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What do you understand by the providence of God?

**The almighty and ever present power of God  
by which God upholds, as with his hand,  
heaven  
and earth  
and all creatures,  
and so rules them that  
leaf and blade,  
rain and drought,  
fruitful and lean years,  
food and drink,  
health and sickness,  
prosperity and poverty—  
all things, in fact,  
come to us  
not by chance  
but by his fatherly hand.**

*Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q27*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY      *Sonata no. 39 in G major—Allegro con brio*

F. J. Haydn

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

*At the Name of Jesus*

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION      *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

\*POSTLUDE

*At the Name of Jesus*

David Cherwien

\*Those who are able may stand.

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 October 5: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

**The Urban Mission item** of the month for September is **hygiene products**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

**Ushers** for today's service are Paul and Karen Upton.

**M.Y. Group (Memorial Youth Group)** will have its first meeting of the new school year this afternoon, from 5:00-6:30 P.M. Dinner will be provided. You are welcome to bring friends along. We will have a short devotion and then – LET THE GAMES BEGIN! If you have any questions, call or text Joan Cole: (405) 830-8389.

The **Urban Mission** presents the 2nd Annual Urban Mission—Urban Cowboy Musical Event on Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 P.M., featuring music, comedy, BBQ buffet, beverages, cash bar, and a silent auction. Individual tickets are \$50.00. Call the Urban Mission at 946-1556 or go to [www.urbanmissionokc.org](http://www.urbanmissionokc.org) for information and tickets.

**Fall Clean-Up** is set for this Saturday, October 4, beginning at 8:00 A.M. Breakfast and lunch will be served to workers. Come and go as you are able.

On **World Communion Sunday**—October 5—we invite those who are willing and able to wear clothing representative of some of the many cultures from which we come.

Also on October 5, we will have a **Pet Blessing**, from 4:00-5:00 P.M. in the courtyard. All pets are welcome if secured on a leash or in a cage. Alternatively, you may bring a photo of your pet. Refreshments will be served.

We will hold a **congregational meeting** on Sunday, October 12, immediately following worship, to vote on the new officer nominations which the Nominating Committee has prepared. If you intend to nominate someone, please be sure to get their permission first.

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. We give thanks for those Christians and Muslims who remained faithful to their traditions during Soviet domination; for those who work for peace in a region of ancient animosities, as well as new ones created in the aftermath of the Soviet system; for Armenian khatchkars: intricately decorated crosses carved on monolithic rocks; for monasteries and churches, lovingly being restored; for musical traditions going back centuries; for traditions of elaborate family meals and wondrous hospitality; and for movement towards democracy. We pray for the Georgian Orthodox Church, that it may rediscover a rich relationship with the family of churches worldwide; for a foundation for peace among these countries, and an encouragement of new relationships with neighboring nations; for an end to all the boundary disputes which threaten to erupt into violence; for those suffering poverty and unemployment; and for new concern for the environment.

**SUNDAY**

**September 28**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group

**WEDNESDAY**

**October 1**

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

**THURSDAY**

**October 2**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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