



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 9, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O great and loving God,

*your wisdom is radiant and unfading, and easily discerned by all who seek your way.
When faithful men and women live in love and work for justice, heaven breaks into earth.
Give us the grace to live confidently and expectantly, trusting that the Lord of history,
who has been approaching from all eternity, comes into life continually
with compassion, redemption, and hope. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
"Sleepers Wake," a Voice Is Calling

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Choose this day whom you will serve.

We will serve the Lord, and worship God alone.

Do not hide these things from your children.

We will proclaim to coming generations the wonders God has done.

*SONG OF PRAISE

O God, You Are My God

743 (sing twice)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or loving one another.**

**When we ignore injustice in the world
our worship brings you no delight.**

Make haste to help us,

**that we may stand in right relationship
with you and the whole of your creation**

and sing your praises

through the mercy of Christ,

our resurrected Savior. Amen.

*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

Glory Be to the Father

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Worship & Music

Lucy Lanning

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalms 78

People of the Lord
choir sings stanzas; all sing refrain

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Matthew 25:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

Steal Away

MESSAGE

Make Your Choice

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What does that little word "Amen" express?

"Amen" means:

This shall truly and surely be!

It is even more sure

that God listens to my prayer

than that I really desire

what I pray for.

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q129

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Lord! What a Morning

Emma Lou Diemer

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

*POSTLUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*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 November 16: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 23:14-30.

The Urban Mission item of the month for November is **crackers**. 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 Mike and Karen Girdner.

The deacons will host a **wedding shower** for Jessica Bender and Kirk Forthman at 2:30 this afternoon in the parlor. Kirk and Jessica are registered at Kohl's, Pottery Barn, Macy's, and Williams Sonoma. They will be married on December 13, 2014, at 1:00 P.M. All are invited to the wedding, here at Memorial. No RSVP required.

Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 N. Porter. Grandparents are increasingly assuming the role of primary caregivers for grandkids, where in some cases substance abuse has impacted the family dynamic. Guest speaker Brent Katigan, MSW, MA, LADC will discuss resources, information, and support for grandparents. Parents Helping Parents offers hope through shared experience, resources, and education. They promote prevention and intervention, collaborative efforts and increased access to information/services, and support. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info

We will have a panel discussion on **Mental Illness and Criminal Justice**, this Friday at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Panelists will respond to selected scenes from a PBS Frontline program and interact with each other and the audience. Refreshments will be served.

Fellowship and Hospitality will host a **Thanksgiving Pot Luck Lunch** after worship on Sunday, November 16. F&H will provide the turkey & gravy for this luncheon. Please sign up to bring side dishes, breads, desserts, etc. If you have questions, contact Lisa Upton.

On Wednesday, December 3, Memorial members will be staffing the **Salvation Army Red Kettle** at Hobby Lobby. If you would like to be a "bell ringer" for an hour on that day, please sign up with Paul Phelps (405-310-3198 or pphelps1@cox.net). At present there are still opportunities for ringers at 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, and 6:00 P.M. Also, if you want to team up with someone, look over the list and join them, as it is always more fun to have someone to share the bell ringing! Thanks!

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 Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe. We give thanks for Christians who continue to witness to their faith even when it is disadvantageous to do so; for those who work with people living with HIV and AIDS and who are searching for ways to defeat the disease; for Albert Schweitzer, and other missionaries like him, who devoted their lives to the health and betterment of the people they served; and for the great tropical forest with its many forms of life. We pray for an end to violence and instability in the Republic of Congo; for all leaders, to use their power justly in service to all of the people, and to refrain from corrupt practices; for an end to autocratic rule; for those involved in subsistence agriculture, that their crops may be plentiful and they have enough food to eat and clean water to drink; for women, who often bear the brunt of poverty and receive less education than men and fewer opportunities; for an end to deforestation and desertification, and for the sustainable and responsible use of natural resources; and for the just sharing of these countries' natural resources, particularly oil, so that all the people reap the benefits of what God has given and not just those in power, or international corporations.

Stewardship Update

January 1 to October 31, 2014

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2014 Budget
Pledges	\$112,745.55	\$119,988.30	\$143,986.00
Other Income	\$19,909.13	\$44,068.30	\$52,882.00
Total Income	\$132,654.68	\$164,056.60	\$196,868.00
Total Expenses	\$152,084.57	\$164,054.80	\$196,868.00

SUNDAY

November 9

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 2:30 P.M. – Wedding Shower (Bender/Forthman)
- 5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group

TUESDAY

November 11

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Meeting

WEDNESDAY

November 12

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds Meeting

THURSDAY

November 13

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

FRIDAY

November 14

- 6:30 P.M. – Panel on Mental Illness & Criminal Justice

SUNDAY

November 16

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Thanksgiving Pot Luck
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting