



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Christ the King

November 23, 2014

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Almighty God,  
you raised Christ from the dead  
and established him as Lord  
over every rebellious power.  
Give us grace to serve him  
wisely and faithfully  
that the world may see  
his glorious inheritance  
among the saints  
and recognize the freedom  
of joyful obedience in Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Emma Lou Diemer

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord God is our shepherd.

**We are the people of God's pasture,  
the sheep of God's hand.**

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry,  
and strengthen the weak.

**But the proud and power-hungry  
will be fed with justice.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Sovereign God, we confess  
that we are not ready for your holy realm.  
You guide us toward right paths,  
but we refuse to follow where you lead.  
You love and feed and care for us,  
but we fail to love and serve others.  
Forgive us, merciful God,  
so that we may return to your fold  
and rejoice in your presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the Lamb upon the throne.**

\*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

*Building & Grounds*

Karen Girdner

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

Page No. 1017

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 25:31-46

Page No. 861

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ANTHEM	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	
MESSAGE	<i>Sheep and Goats</i>	Tracy L. Evans
*SONG OF FAITH	<i>Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table</i>	186

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What does your conclusion to the Lord's Prayer mean?

**“For the kingdom and the power  
and the glory are yours forever” means:  
We have made all these petitions of you  
because, as our all-powerful king,  
you are both willing and able  
to give us all that is good;  
and because your holy name,  
and not we ourselves,  
should receive all the praise, forever.**

*Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q128*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Joy to the World*

Michael Burkhardt

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

*Joy to the World*

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

\*POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

Kenneth Leighton

\*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 30: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

**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 Linda Eckel and Loreen Upton.

Mark your calendars! The annual **Christmas Pageant** is scheduled for Sunday, December 7. The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m., to be followed by the pageant at about 6:30. There will be a sign-up sheet for the potluck; please have your item at the church by 5:15, so that the kids can eat early and prepare for the pageant. We hope everyone will plan to come to enjoy a meal together and experience the Christmas story as told by Memorial's children.

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 Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger. We give thanks for the freedom for Christians to worship in Mauritania even though it is an Islamic country; for Christians who retain their faith and continue to serve Christ even though they are tiny minorities in some of these countries; for those who depend on semi-nomadic and nomadic ways of life and who continue to survive and retain their ethnic heritage; and for those who plant trees to counter the spread of the desert. We pray for political and economic stability in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, an end to human rights abuses and slavery in Mauritania, and an end to civil war in Chad; for those who suffer from lack of water and food, particularly in desert regions; for refugees and those whose lives have been formed in the midst of violence and conflict; for an increase in the availability of education and medical care; for peace and reconciliation between tribes and ethnic groups; for reconciliation in families, in marriages; and for an end to abuse against children and women.

**SUNDAY****November 23**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group

**WEDNESDAY****November 26**

NO KIDS' CLUB

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

Church office closed—Happy Thanksgiving!

**SUNDAY****November 30**

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