



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*It says in the Bible, O God,
that you created the world through your Word.
Your Word is powerful!
And so are our words.*

*They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love;
but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth.
Give us your wisdom, God of the Word,
so that as a church and as individuals,
we use our words to build up and not to destroy. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Allegro maestoso and Fugue
from Sonata No. 2 in C minor*

Felix Mendelssohn

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look at the heavens!

Their are shouting the glory of God.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence
of God's creative works.

**Their voice goes through all the earth
and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Will You Come and Follow Me
KELVINGROVE

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray. 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

Peace of God Be with You

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As-salaamu lakum

(Sung twice, first in English, then Arabic)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 1:20-33

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 8:27-38

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lift High the Cross

arr. Donald Busarow

Please join in singing the refrain when directed:

*Lift high the cross, the love of God proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

MESSAGE *Who?* Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH *Open My Eyes, That I May See* 451
OPEN MY EYES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

How do you live for the love of God?

I love because God first loved me.

God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends.

Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself.

**I live for the Lord who died and rose again,
triumphant over death, for my sake.**

**Therefore, I take those around me to heart,
especially those in particular need,**

knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 3

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let It Be

Cindy Berry

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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BOURBON

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lift High the Cross

*POSTLUDE

Recessional

William Mathias

*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 September 20: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

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 Ann Fayles and Trudy Beard.

We now accept **online donations** through a partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, via the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Look for the "Give Now" button on our website, www.memorialpres.org. Recurring or one-time donations may be made by credit/debit card or by direct transfer from your bank account (EFT). We will continue to accept cash and checks as well.

Our east **parking lot** needs to be repaved. This project is estimated to cost approximately \$68,000. Session has authorized a capital campaign for the month of September, 2015, with the goal of raising this amount. There are about 100 parking spots in the east lot so we are asking people to "buy" or donate enough for one parking spot—\$680 each. Please prayerfully consider donating toward this much-needed repair.

Memorial will host a **Pet Blessing** on Sunday, September 27 at 4:00. This will be in the courtyard, weather permitting. All creatures are welcome, and should be on a leash or in a crate. If you can't bring your pet, or you wish to remember a deceased pet, please bring their photo.

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 **Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania**. **Give thanks for:** The long history of Christianity in these countries. Those who give their lives to Christian prayer and service. The care given to places of worship as, with icon and art, they proclaim the Gospel. Those caring for orphans, the elderly, and others without resources or family to take care of

themselves. Those who make peace between ethnic groups. Those who fight against the abuse of women. **Pray for:** An end to corruption and organized crime, high unemployment, and limited supplies of food and housing. The environment, which continues to suffer severe degradation, and for all those who must deal with the pollution of the air they breathe and the water they drink. A renewed ecumenical spirit among the churches. Those who face discrimination, hatred and violence on the basis of their ethnicity and religion. The creation of stable economic and political systems that allow for the participation of all the peoples in these countries. Healing for those who suffered under Marxist regimes.

SUNDAY

September 13

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Worship & Music Meeting

MONDAY

September 14

- 6:00 P.M. – Personnel Committee Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Christian Education Meeting

TUESDAY

September 15

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

WEDNESDAY

September 16

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

September 17

- 10:30 A.M. – (No Bible Study)
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds Meeting

SUNDAY

September 20

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:30 P.M. – MY Group Departs for OKC Interfaith Tour