

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*The present form of this world is passing away.
Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord,
for true power and steadfast love belong to you. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Trio Sonata in D Minor: III, Vivace J.S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
For God alone my soul waits in silence.
Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE O God, Who Gives Us Life Hymnal, #53

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Creator, we confess
that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You call on us to change our lives,
yet we do not heed your warning.
You give us good news to share,
yet we remain stubborn and silent.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to repent and follow you,
bearing witness to the good news
that your holy realm is near;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(Time of silent reflection)

*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 Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

My God Sees Me

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Multi-dimensional Following

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Hymnal, No. 721

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving
sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator
who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... To you, O God, we cry, **be gracious to us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Trio Sonata in D Minor: II, Adagio

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Hymnal, No. 65

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Songs of Praise

*POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

*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. 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 January 28: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:21-28.

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

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

Ushers for today's service are Jim and Linda Rodriguez.

If you didn't get a **star word**, there are words available outside the church office. You may use the word you choose to guide you through the year. Ponder it, listen for it, let it open you to new ideas. **If you have a friend who might like to join us in having a star word, you are welcome to take one for them, too!**

Sunday, **February 4 will be the Annual Congregational Meeting** following worship. The Fellowship & Hospitality committee is hosting a **Chili Tasting** for our lunch, so bring your favorite chili or side. All are welcome to attend!

SUNDAY

January 21

- 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
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

January 24

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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January 28

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