Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty God,
you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the very bond of peace and of all goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Arranged: E. Power Biggs

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Noël Regney

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear ringing through the sky, shepherd boy? Do you hear what I hear?

A song, a song, high above the trees, with a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea.

Said the king to the people everywhere, listen to what I say,

"Pray for peace, people everywhere!"

Listen to what I say, "The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night, He will bring us appeared and light."

"He will bring us goodness and light." Let us hear what God has for us while we worship Him!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Let All Things Now Living

Hymnal, No. 37

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

(LBO) Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of justice, we know that you desire for us the life-giving reality of a healed and whole relationship. Still we deceive others and ourselves with empty promises and self-serving agendas. We avoid the risk of preaching the truth, keeping the bonds of injustice secure. We quarrel and fight, compromising our witness of the Body of Christ. Forgive our blatant rebellion

that we might forgive ourselves and change our ways. We pray this in the name of the Christ, who breaks every yoke and sets us free.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*THF PFACF

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 Rev. Pam Normile

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-6 Page No. 594

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM A Call to Joy

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35 Page No. 860

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Do You Hear What I Hear? Rev. Pam Normile

*SONG OF FAITH Will You Let Me Be Your Servant Hymnal, No. 727

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith, Chapter 9: Christian Discipleship

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain, which love involves.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastoral Prayer Response:... To you, O God, we cry; **be gracious to us.**

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Prayer Alexandre Guilmant

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG What Does the Lord Require of You? Hymnal, No. 70

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

"Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace, to let you be my servant too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through."

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. **Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION Go to the World!

*POSTLUDE Postlude In F Alexandre Guilmant

*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 March 3: Exodus 34:23-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43).

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for February is **juice**. 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 John and Susan Beck.

Rev. Pamela Normile, Presbyterian clergy since 1984, has served as chaplain of 3 prep schools in India and USA, and as pastor of 4 churches in California and Oklahoma. Pam is married to Dwight, editor of International Gymnast magazine and lives in Norman. Pam and Dwight have 2 children, Hayley, 27, and Ian, 25, who reside in Tulsa and OKC. Pam is an honorably retired minister in the Indian Nations Presbytery while she is receiving treatment for her stage 4 metastatic breast cancer.



Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend this brief yet meaningful service marking the beginning of the Lent season.

Please join Tracy for a **Lent Bible study** on Mondays, March 11-April 15, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Study will be Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week, by author, professor and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine. Books will be available soon. Sign up outside Tracy's office.





Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser for Camps and Conferences! Plan to stay after worship and enjoy a spaghetti lunch on **March 31**.

SUNDAY

February 24

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

MONDAY

February 25

6:00 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

February 27

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir

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