

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Gracious God,
in order that the children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world.
As Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in all truth and goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Organ Sonata No. 2: II: Adagio Felix Mendelssohn

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*OPENING SENTENCES

Come as you are, broken and burdened,
and find healing in God's goodness.
Come as you are, gifted and beloved,
and find purpose in God's calling.
Come as you are, weary and wary,
and find comfort in God's embrace.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and worship God with gladness.

*LITANY FOR LENT

Lord Jesus Christ,
you claim us as your own,
even when we deny you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ,
you bless us with your word,
even when we mock and curse you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ,
you give your life to save us,
even though we crucify you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

*SONG OF PRAISE Dear Lord and Father of Mankind Hymnal, No. 169

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**O God, in you we live and move and have our being.
Forgive us when we ignore your presence:
when we place our trust in things that fade away.
By your grace, move us to be more faithful disciples.
By your forgiveness, empower us to share forgiveness with others.**
(Time of silent reflection)

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

*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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Hymnal, No. 582, v. 1

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Jessica Farris

SCRIPTURE READING
Joshua 5:9-12 Page No. 171
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN Psalm 32 Hymnal, No. 446

SCRIPTURE READING
2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Page No. 940
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Page No. 850
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Prodigal Grace

Tracy L. Evans

ANTHEM

I Will Love the Lord My God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**To be reconciled to God
is to be sent into the world
as God's reconciling community.
This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation
and shares God's labor of healing the enmities
which separate people from God
and from each other.
Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The church maintains continuity
with the apostles and with Israel
by faithful obedience to his call.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Improvisation

*DOXOLOGY

Praise to God the Father

Hymnal, No. 605

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

O God, Show Mercy to Us

Hymnal, No. 341

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the steadfast love of God,
the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

The Norman Ministerial Fellowship is hosting its annual Lenten series. On Wednesday, April 3, Grace Fellowship will host the worship and lunch, which begins at noon. Pastor Daniel Kitchel, The Cross Church of Norman will give the sermon. A \$5 donation is suggested for the lunch.

We will host the Lenten series on April 10. Please let Donna Vint know if you can help!



Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser for Camps and Conferences! Plan to stay after worship and enjoy a spaghetti lunch today.

We will have youth worship leaders and a representative from Dwight Mission Camp and Conference Center here to bring us good news from Dwight

SUNDAY

March 31

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

TUESDAY

April 2

- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY

April 3

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

SATURDAY

April 6

- 8:00 A.M. – Church Clean-up

SUNDAY

April 7

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