

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2019

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the Word of his kingdom.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread,  
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

BRINGING THE LIGHT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come worship the God who creates us,  
**who breathes life into dust and water into the earth.**  
Come worship the God who challenges us,  
**who calls the poor blessed and makes the hungry full.**  
Come worship the God who calls us,  
**who binds us in community and beckons us to follow.**

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal, No. 264

### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of mercy, hear our prayer.  
When your desert people cried out to you  
in hunger and in thirst,  
you gave them bread from heaven  
and brought water from the rock.  
When your desperate people cry out to you  
in humility and in faith,  
you wash us in abounding grace  
and bring peace from our chaos.  
Move us, O God, to deeper faith and faithful action.  
Fill us, O God, with deeper love and loving trust.  
(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 Be to the Father                      Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING                      Karen Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING  
Colossians 3:1-11                      Page No. 957  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM                      Like A Shepherd

SCRIPTURE READING  
Psalm 84                      Page No. 472  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      Longing for God                      Samuel McCann

**\*SONG OF FAITH**                      How Lovely, Lord                      Hymnal, No. 402

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The life, death, resurrection,  
and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.  
His human life involves the church  
in the common life of all people.  
His service to men and women  
commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.  
His suffering makes the church sensitive  
to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ  
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.  
His crucifixion discloses to the church**

God's judgment on the inhumanity  
that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences  
of the church's own complicity in injustice.  
In the power of the risen Christ  
and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise  
of God's renewal of human life in society  
and of God's victory over all wrong.  
The church follows this pattern  
in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve  
is to confess Christ as Lord.

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**  
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

#### THE OFFERING

##### OFFERTORY

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

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

#### SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG      Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts      Hymnal, No. 494

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

...According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG                      Now Thank We All Our God                      Hymnal, No. 643

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE  
CHORAL BENEDICTION                      Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

\*POSTLUDE

\*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 August 11: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for August 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 Mike & Karen Girdner.

**Communion servers** for today's service are Joan and Mike Cole, Karen and Mike Girdner.

**Guest organist today is Lauree Beth Marshall.** Welcome, Lauree Beth!

**The Mission and Evangelism** committee are still collecting personal hygiene items for Redrock and Griffin for the summer months. Travel size items are the perfect size.

**SUNDAY**

**August 4**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**August 7**

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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## KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

### Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll  
Sandy Clarke  
Jim Eckel  
Laura Eckel  
Doug Forsyth  
Mike Girdner  
Alice Lanning  
Jayelle Martin  
Jona Thiessen  
Devyn Upton  
Karen Upton  
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)  
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)  
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

### Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Donna Vint whose husband Harry Wright died on July 7.

Carl Forthman whose mother Betty Forthman died on July 1.

### Seminary Graduate

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

### Birthdays

August 5– Esebe Masango

August 6– Diana Johnson

Baldwin Annoh

Alex Pennington

August 11– Sandy Johnson

### Anniversaries

August 6– Clint & Kerri Autry

August 11– Jimmy & Molly Rambur

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea**

### We are thankful for:

- the rainforest and its gift of oxygen, so the world can breathe;
- for mission schools providing learning and hope; and for those who have the courage to fight corruption.

### We pray for

- political stability and freedom for the people in all of these countries;
- for those suffering from HIV and AIDS, and those who lack adequate health care; for those living at a subsistence level, and those who lack clean water and enough food; and
- for monkeys and other animals that are threatened with extinction due to the destruction of their habitat.