# **Memorial Presbyterian Church**

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Präludium

**Rudolf Bibl** 

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP We are called to followto walk in the way of justice and righteousness, for we are children of God! We are called to serve to be Christ with and for one another, for we are the salt of the earth! We are called to shine to be beacons of hope and witnesses to truth, for we are the light of the world! Come, you who are claimed as children of God, salt of the earth and light of the world. Let us worship the Lord! **\*SONG OF PRAISE** When Morning Gilds the Skies Hymnal, No.667 \*CONFESSION AND PARDON Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin. Lover of justice, Giver of mercy, you call us to share our bread with the hungry and to open our homes to the homeless, to care for the poor and to satisfy the needs of those who suffer. Some of your commandments are easy to follow; others require so much of us! How can we break the chains of injustice

and untie the cords of oppression?

When we consider the brokenness of our world, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. Forgive us when we use our sense of helplessness as an excuse. Remind us, we pray, that you are at work in and through us to bring about your reign. Free us from fear and stir our hearts toward a greater generosity, that we might be the salt and light you have called us to be. (Time of silent reflection) ... I declare to you, 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 Lucy Lanning SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:1-9a Page No. 600 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. **RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 112:1-9 Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

ANTHEM

Grace Alone

SCRIPTURE READINGPage No.786Matthew 5:13-20Page No.786The Word of the Lord.Thanks be to God.			
MESSAGE	Salt and Light: Small and Common	Tracy L. Evans	
*SONG OF FAITH	Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness	Hymnal, No.314	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08			
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS (A time of silence will follow each petition) The Lord's PrayerHymnal, p. 35			
THE OFFERING OFFERTORY	Great God, Your Love Has Called Us	Nancy Raabe	
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	Hymnal, No. 606	
*DEDICATION PRAYER			

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me Vs.1-3	Hymnal, No. 700		
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD				
*BLESSING AND CHAR CHORAL BENEDIC	-			
*POSTLUDE	Sweet, Sweet Spirit	Mark Hayes		

\*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 February 16: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for February is **easy open food items**. 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 Grace Tamukong & Melissa Gill.

On Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm there will be a **wedding shower for Breanna Upton and Trey Neal** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Join us after worship for the Annual Congregational meeting following a soup potluck February 16, 2019. Bring your favorite soup, side or dessert, or just bring an appetite!

Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend this brief yet meaningful service marking the beginning of the Lent season.

### SUNDAY

#### February 9

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

#### WEDNESDAY

## February 12

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

## SATURDAY

#### February 15

12:00 P.M. – Breanna Upton Bridal Shower

#### SUNDAY

#### February 16

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:00 P.M. - Potluck and Annual Congregational Meeting

5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

## **KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS**

Those who seek healing	Samuel McCann whose grandmother died December 11.	
Lola Carroll		
Sandy Clarke	Joys	
Jan Cunningham	Julian Warren Beck, born December 26, son of Jenny and Warren Beck, proud grandparents are Susan and John Beck	
Laura Eckel		
Doug Forsyth	Seminary Graduate Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary	
Blair Lanning		
Judd Lanning		
Jayelle Martin		
Emily Ryther	We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.	
Gary Thrailkill		
Jona Thiessen		
Janann Yeager	Birthdays	
Melinda Clements	February 09 – Gysheilla Jangha	
Pam Normile	February 11 – Susan Annoh	
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)	February 13 – Terry Williams	
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)	February 16 – Mary Clark	
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)		
Jim Leseney (Vince Leseney's father)	Anniversaries	
Those who Experienced Recent Loss	February 11 – Mike & Joan Cole	

As part of the ecumenical prayer cycle, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland

We give **thanks** for:

• the quality of life that many in these countries enjoy and their commitment to provide for those in the world who are in need

• the organizations located here that seek to increase ecumenical and interfaith understanding and work together for the common good of all people and creation

- political and economic transparency in these countries
- those who reach out to migrants and counter attitudes and practices that oppose them.

#### We **pray** for:

• environmental practices that preserve the natural environment, especially the Alps' melting glaciers

• the work for justice, reconciliation and peace pursued by the people and organizations here, seeking to shape globalization so that it benefits all

religious freedom, also for those from non-Christian traditions

•overcoming the fear of, and welcoming the embrace of, those who are outsiders to the countries' historic, ethnic traditions.