# **Memorial Presbyterian Church**

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### 21st Sunday after Pentecost

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of our name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

| PRELUDE | My Faith Looks Up to Thee | Lowell Mason |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------|
|         | David Marvel, Organist    |              |
|         |                           |              |

| Vince Leseney |
|---------------|
|               |
|               |
|               |
|               |
|               |
|               |
|               |
|               |
|               |
|               |

| *SONG OF PRAISE IS | ing the Mighty Power of God | Hymnal, No. 32 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

O Lord, you have taught us that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant, and whoever seeks to be first must be last and servant of all. Still, O Lord, we are like James and John, seeking seats of glory. We organize our lives around ladders to climb, not realizing that we are stepping on people whom you love. Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way, for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Time of silent reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. October 17, 2021

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 **PROCLAIMING THE WORD** PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Michael Yeager SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 53:4-12 Page No. 596 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God. **RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 91:9-16 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:35-45 Page No. 823 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God. MESSAGE The Human Weakness in James and John Delores Strider \*SONG OF FAITH O God, In a Mysterious Way Hymnal, No. 30 \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus: for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor anaels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

\*THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven**. The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

The offering plates are in the narthex. You are invited to make an offering as you depart today; those who are worshiping with us on-line will find information on giving on the church website, www.memorialpres.org.

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG We Walk by Faith and not by Sight Hymnal, No. 817

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The blessing of the one God— Spirit, Son, and Father be with you now and always. **Alleluia!** 

> Go forth into the world with compassion and with justice in your heart. Give voice to the silent, strength to the weak. See one another, hear one another, care for one another and love one another. It's all that easy and it's all that hard.

\*POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Sydney Nicholson

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

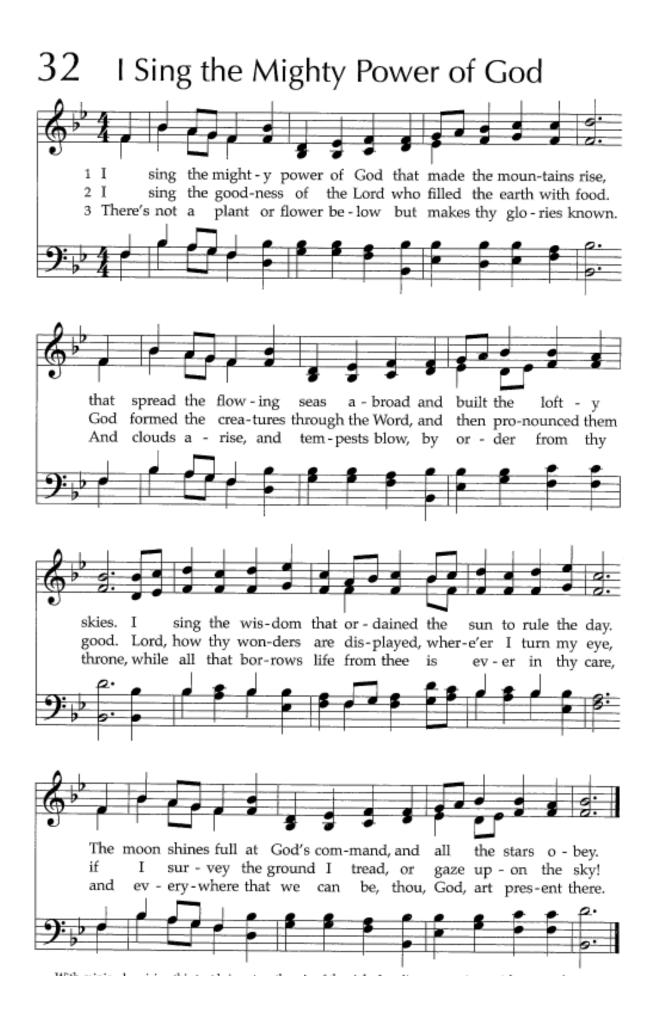
We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

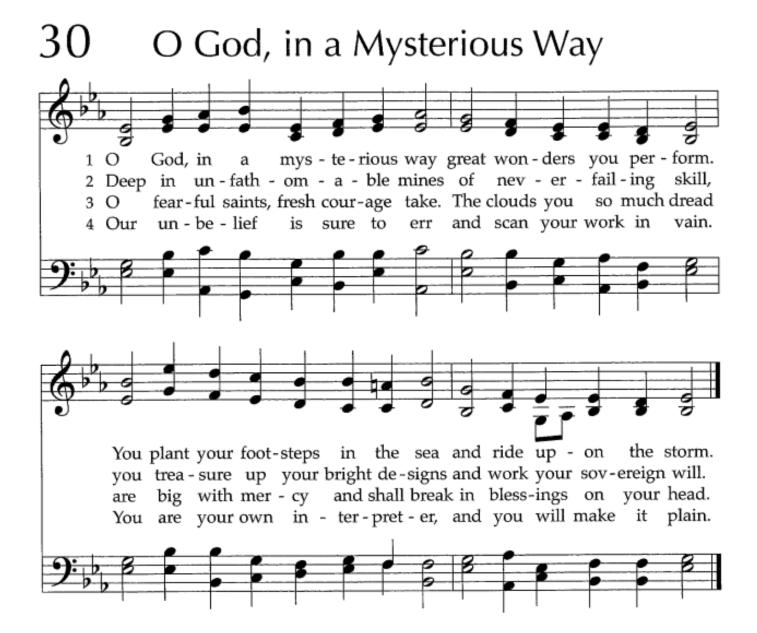
**Lectionary Readings** for September 24: Semicontinuous: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Complementary: Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

**Our guest preacher** today is Delores Strider. She is a Ruling Elder member of First Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City. Born and reared in Guthrie, she has lived in OKC for the last 52 years. She is a widow with one son and two grandchildren, Royce in PA and Shalla in Edmond. She received the Bachelor of Liberal Studies and Master of Human Relations from OU. She completed the Certificate of Ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (2017) and the Commissioned Elder program (2018) in Indian Nations Presbytery. Welcome, Delores!

The Food & Shelter items of the month for October is cereal and laundry soap (preferably pods). Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.







817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight