

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of abundance,
you have invited us to your table.
Humbly we come.
We cannot repay your grace.
But we can rejoice in one another,
and in each other's company
feast on your Word.

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major

Ian Higginson

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lucy Lanning

Gathered to worship God,
we are all right where we belong.
Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,
we approach God with joy in our hearts.
Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,
we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Hymnal, No. 1

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Holy God, we compare ourselves with others,
wondering if we are better than them.
We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves.
We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love
one another with humble, gracious spirits. Amen.**
(Time for silent reflection)

God alone has the authority to judge, and by the grace of Jesus Christ,
God has declared that we are forgiven of all our sin.

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

Hymnal, No. 582

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

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Samuel McCann

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 979

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 112

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.

The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Page No. 849

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Banquet Etiquette

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Breathe on Me Breath of God

Hymnal, No. 286

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself**

**and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:.... God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

We Are One in the Spirit

Hymnal, No. 300

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on All Creatures of Our God and King

Diane Bish

*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 7: Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for August are deodorant, toilet paper and bug spray. **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.

Our last worship service in this building will be next week, September 7th. We will worship on September 14 at First Presbyterian Church of Norman in their chapel. We are looking forward to 'nesting' in this space for the immediate future.

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

The first system of the musical score is for the song 'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!'. It features a descant in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The system consists of three staves: a vocal line, a piano accompaniment line, and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a descant of the word 'Ho' followed by a long rest, then continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment and bass lines provide harmonic support. The lyrics are: '4 Ho - - - - - ly,' followed by four verses of the hymn.

ho - - - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

The second system of the musical score continues the song. It also features a descant in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The system consists of three staves: a vocal line, a piano accompaniment line, and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a descant of the word 'ho' followed by a long rest, then continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment and bass lines provide harmonic support. The lyrics are: 'ho - - - - - ly,' followed by a verse of the hymn.

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

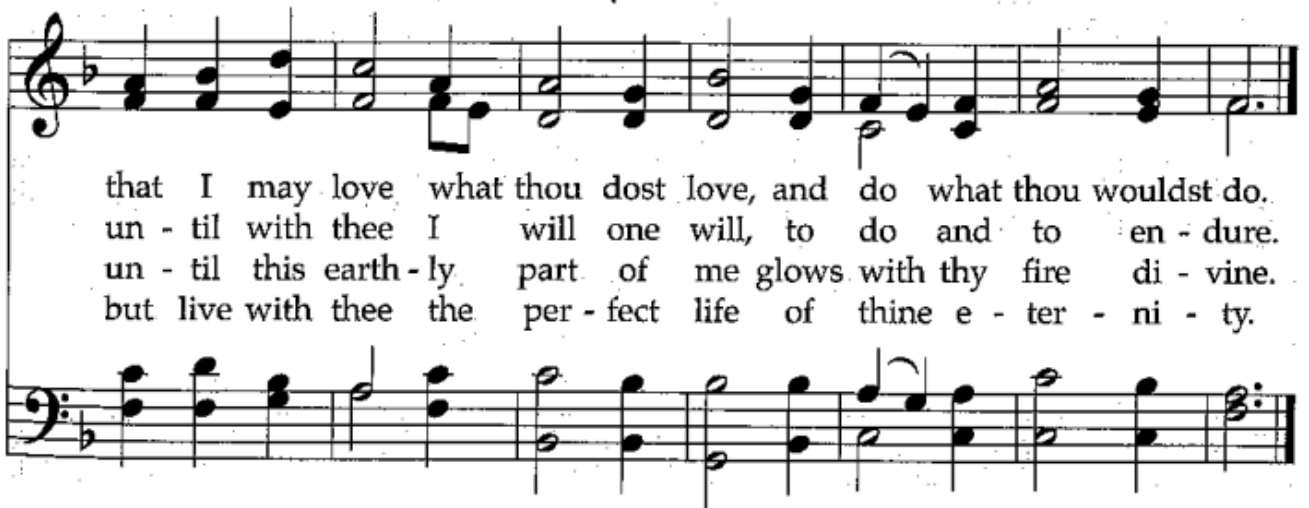
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do,
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



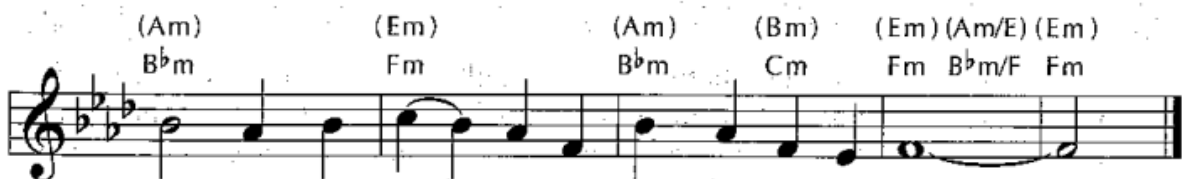
we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored;
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land;
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride;
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.