



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Loving Christ,
hold us with your mercy;
strengthen us with your grace,
that we may hear your challenge,
accept hard teachings,
and follow you no matter the cost,
by the power of your Spirit. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Processional

Dan Locklair

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Creator God, we praise you!

We thank you and we worship you.

God, you search us and know us;
you are all about us, within us and among us.

Your presence is everywhere; help us to be aware.

Come be with us now, God, and help us in our worship.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Here in this Place

Hymnal, No. 401

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Creator God, you know us better than anyone else. You formed us in your own image. And yet, we sometimes stray from the gift you've given us. We keep people at a distance, letting systemic and personal barriers get in the way of relationships. Forgive us, Lord. Let us hear your call to change and do better. Empower us to ask for forgiveness from those whom we have wronged. Help us to think of you and those around us.

(Time of silent reflection)

...Hear the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Page No. 629

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:25-33

Page No. 850

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Now What?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymnal, No. 525

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

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

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM At This Table

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

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 the one who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

LITANY OF PRAISE

Eternal God,

whom the highest heaven cannot contain,
much less a building made by human hands,
hear us as we pray:

we praise you, O God.

For the Church universal,
of which this building has been a symbol,

we praise you, O God.

For all the saints who,
in times past and present,
have formed a congregation of your people
and have met in this place
to offer their prayers and praise to you,

we praise you, O God.

For those who have been made your children
by adoption and grace,
who in this place were cleansed of sin,
buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,
and raised to new and eternal life,

we praise you, O God.

For your presence
whenever your word has been proclaimed and
your sacramental gifts of bread and wine received,

we praise you, O God.

For your blessing upon each of your children,
welcomed and nurtured here,

we praise you, O God.

For all who came to ask your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,

we praise you, O God.

For faithful stewards who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,

we praise you, O God.

For all who, having lived this life in faith,
were commended to your loving care
and now live eternally with you,

we praise you, O God.

For the knowledge that your church
and your ministry among us
will continue today, tomorrow, and forever,

we praise you, O God.

All thanks and praise to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG For Everyone Born Hymnal, No. 769

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Toccata on Amazing Grace Christopher Pardini

*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 14: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14; Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

New Mailing Address: Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 720141, Norman, OK 73072. Please do not mail checks or correspondence to the physical address of First Presbyterian Church to avoid confusion.

Next Sunday, September 14, we are pleased to announce that we will be worshipping in the chapel of First Presbyterian Church of Norman. Please join us as we begin this new chapter in the life of Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to Dr. Stephen Wurst who is filling in on the organ today. We are grateful he could be back with us while Dr. J.P. Murphy is out of town at a conference.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; (on our knees)
2 Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees; (on our knees)
3 Let us praise God to-gether on our knees; (on our knees)

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me)

For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!