

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of power and might,
you show us the wisdom of humility,
reveal the healing you have in store,
and bless us in our working and planting.
Release your Word within us,
that we may live brimming with gratitude
for the full, abundant life
Christ gives to all. Amen.

PRELUDE

Intermezzo in A Major

Johannes Brahms

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Lovett

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of God's name;

give God glorious praise.

Say to God:

How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power,
your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

The fear of the Lord

is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Hymnal, No. 54

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods. We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate. We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us.

Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the side of justice. Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives. You gift us with those of other cultures, that our lives might be blessed. You send us friends out of places we least expect, that our community might be enriched. You call us to be generous with our blessings, so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Time for silent reflection)

God challenges us, God encourages us. God confronts us, and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles.

God forgives us, God guides us through the wilderness of the world, God leads us home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

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2 Timothy 2:8-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

ANTHEM

Simple Thanks

Becki Slagle Mayo

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Hey, Thanks

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

A Grateful Heart

Hymnal, No. 652

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
(From A Brief Statement of Faith)**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 Come to You for Healing, Lord Hymnal, No. 796

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Invention in F Major J. S. Bach

*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 October 19: Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for October are bar soap and deodorant.
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.