

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of grace,
we do not know what awaits us in the future.
But we know it is in your hands, and we trust you.
We open our hearts to your presence as we worship,
that you may receive us with grace,
transform us by your Spirit,
and raise us to new life, this and every day,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE Prelude on All Things Bright and Beautiful

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lucy Lanning

The God who is greater than we will ever understand,
is humbled to become one of us.
The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,
gives us more grace than we ever realize.
The God who is wiser than we will ever know,
teaches us all we need to become God's children.

*SONG OF PRAISE God Is Here! Hymnal, No. 409

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**We are so easily confused by what the world tells us,
Watching God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children.
We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us to-
day.
We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?' - we cannot hear the
promises you whisper to us.**

**So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us.
You know our hearts so well - touch them with your grace.
You see our deepest fears - heal them with your peace.
You hear our secret longings - speak to them of your hope.
This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
(Time for silent reflection)**

The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

**With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people. We will sing
our thanks through all eternity. Great is God and greatly to be
praised! 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)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Will Farris

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 961

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

ANTHEM

Autumn Carol

Russell Schulz-Widmar

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:27-38

Page No. 855

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

But What Happens When...?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

There Is a Redeemer

Hymnal, No. 443

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**
(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33)

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

My Life Flows On

Hymnal, No. 821

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Sonata in D Major

Georg Benda

*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. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for November 16: Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12; Malachi 4:1-2a and Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for November are canned goods and non perishable items. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.