

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Creating God:
you grasp chaos and shake it into
new heavens brimming with light,
new earth teeming with life.
You delight in your children so much that
before we finish our sentences,
you have heard our hearts;
before we whisper our dreams,
you fill our needs.

Word of God,
you shape our lips and loosen our tongues
that we might witness
to your kingdom
where enemies take naps together;
where meat-eaters become vegetarians.

Spirit of Wisdom:
open us,
that we might trust without fear;
fill us,
that we might discern our call to faithfulness;
teach us,
that we would make known
our thanks to the farthest shores of the universe.
--Thom Shuman

PRELUDE	Give Thanks	Joel Raney
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BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, we come into your house with joy.
Beloved, we live in your presence with awe.
In the shelter of your temple we find rest.
In the beauty of your presence we find grace.
We seek your blessing, your Word, your fire.
We bless you. We love you. We worship you.

*SONG OF PRAISE	Sing a New Song unto the Lord	Hymnal, No. 276
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*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your prom-

ise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Time for silent reflection)

Rather than remaining white hot, God's anger melts into streams of living water, washing us clean of our sins and refreshing our spirits with hope and joy.

This day! This day we give thanks to the God who is our strength and our salvation. Praise 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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Samuel McCann

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 962

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

ANTHEM Thanks We Sing Douglas Wagner

SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 21:5-19 Page No. 856
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Days Will Come Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning Hymnal, No.350

*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.**

**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!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(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 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less Hymnal, No. 353

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Sonata in G Major Domenico Cimarosa

*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 23: Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Mark 10:17-31 ; Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43.

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.