

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of truth,
you speak your Word,
and we barely hear it beneath the rumble and clatter of our world.
Tune the ears of our heart to your voice.
Clear our minds to listen.
Let us hear Jesus calling us, and answer, and follow,
by the powerful grace of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRELUDE Celestial Voices, Op. 45, No. 9 S. Heller

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Nick Lindley

Come out of the shadows and into God's light!
**We will not play hide and seek,
but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.**
Lay down all which is a burden to you!
**We will give our fears to God,
who is our help in every moment.**
Follow the One who will lead you to new life!
**We long to live in God's presence
every day of our lives.**

*SONG OF PRAISE You Walk along Our Shoreline Hymnal, No. 170

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Christ, our Messiah,
you call us to fish for people,
but we are hesitant to leave our boats.
We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard,
believing they make us secure.
We are afraid to put our trust in you,
afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.
Forgive us.
Transform our fear into faithfulness,
and enable us to walk with you,
that we may be part of your work in the world.**
(Time for Silence)

Just as Jesus called the disciples,
so Christ calls us.
Forgiven of our sin
and freed to serve,
let us answer Christ's call.

**Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us.
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

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 555

Isaiah 9:1-4

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

ANTHEM

The Light of the World is Jesus

P. Drennan

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

Page No. 785

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Tracy L. Evans

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.**

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

(from A Declaration of Faith)

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

To Ruling Elder: Charlotte Lovett

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WELCOME AND CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS and PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:...In your mercy, O God, **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. 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal, No. 826

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Allegro in A Major

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

Lectionary Readings for February 1: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for January are easy open soup(pull tab) and cold weather accessories (hats, gloves, hot hands and socks). **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**