



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

God of Peace,
grant us your breath
and draw us into stillness,
that we may come to know
that you are holding onto us,
carrying us through the whirlwind
and into the bright sun
of a magnificent new day. Amen.

PRELUDE

Andante in D

Felix Mendelssohn

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nick Lindley

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say,

Amen. Praise the Lord!

*SONG OF PRAISE

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Hymnal, No. 41

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way.

Lord, forgive our sin.

Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives

and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service.

May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit,

to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

(Time for silent reflection)

Hear the good news! The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*THE PEACE

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

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Philippians 4:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still
waters;
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you
are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you
anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

ANTHEM

Like a Shepherd

Mark Weston

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

A King Planned a Party

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

When the Poor Ones

Hymnal, No. 762

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**
(Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Hymnal, No. 363

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Toccata

Theodore Dubois

*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 October 18: Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99; Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for October are reading glasses and Gatorade. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

