

## *Connect. Inspire. Serve.*

### **Welcome to Worship at Memorial Presbyterian Church!**

We are delighted you have chosen to worship at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Our hope is that every person who enters Memorial will *CONNECT* with God and the community of faith, be *INSPIRED* to a life of discipleship and spiritual growth, and discover ways to *SERVE* our neighbors near and far.

Please join us for coffee and conversation immediately following the worship service today.

**Friendship Pad:** We ask that all worshipers sign the Ritual of Friendship pad, located on the center aisle side of the pew. Sign your name, address and phone number, and pass it along the pew and then back again so that we can get to know each other and greet each other by name.

**Accessibility at MPC:** The sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop system that allows people to receive the sound from the church's audio system in their own hearing aids. Large-size bulletins and hymnals are also available from the ushers. Please contact an usher if you have any questions on accessibility issues.

**Children of all ages** are welcome in the worship service. Nursery care is provided for children from birth to 3 years of age. Pagers are given to parents in the event that communication is necessary. In addition, a Children's Table is located by the entry if you wish to take your child from the sanctuary, yet be able to hear and see the service.

**Kinderchurch** is an age-appropriate worship experience provided for children ages 3 through Grade 2 throughout the academic year. Children attend worship with their parents for about 15 minutes, and then move to the Kinderchurch room as a group. It is not held on Sundays when communion is served, so that children will be able to experience communion with their parents.

**Communion:** The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has an Open Table. All who hold Jesus as their Lord and Savior are invited to the table. Children may take communion with parent's consent. Communion is served on the first Sunday of every month, and at other designated services.

*Please feel free to contact the church office at (920) 734-1787 or [info@mpcappleton.org](mailto:info@mpcappleton.org) with any questions you may have.*

# Order of Worship

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock A.M.

November 26, 2017

♦ *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

## **Gathering Around the Word**

## PRELUDE

*As the prelude begins, please take a moment of silence to prepare for worship.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MOMENT FOR MISSION Holiday Giving Opportunities *Pat Spindler*

- ♦ CALL TO WORSHIP Lowell Peterson
- One: **God of love and justice, we gather together to worship you:**
- All: to offer our thanks and praise and to proclaim your goodness and mercy.
- One: **Meet us here. Breathe your Word into our souls; engrave your covenant of love upon our hearts.**
- All: Teach us faithfulness and compassion so that our lives may reflect your love and justice to the world.
- One: **Let us now worship our God!**

♦ HYMN #367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our

privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray.

*A time for silent confession*

♦ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear—for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us. Believe the promise of your baptism:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God!**

♦ PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

♦ RESPONSE #585 Glory to God

**Proclaiming the Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 and 31:31-34 (Old Testament, page 731)

One: The Word of the Lord, the great I AM.

**All: Thanks be to God, who calls us to CONNECT,  
INSPIRE, and SERVE!**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Joel Screnock

*Children are invited to bring their offerings forward and put them in the “Joyful Noise Bucket”*

## ANTHEM

SERMON      Looking for Hope      CP Greg Braatz

- ◆ HYMN #692 Spirit, Open My Heart

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and  
forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Special Giving Opportunities Today:*

*Make your 2018 Generosity Commitment a part of your offering.*

*Donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance can be made  
through Memorial Presbyterian by indicating "PDA" on the check  
memo or envelope.*

*Those who contribute through e-giving or online donations are  
encouraged to take an "I Give Electronically" card and place it in  
the offering plate.*

- ◆ RESPONSE #607 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

♦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. And you call us to follow Your example—to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Continue to write your law of love on our hearts. Use these gifts to work for an unwavering passion for justice, and a tenacious faith that will not rest until the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief, and the outsider finds a welcome. Amen.

**Bearing and Following the Word Into the World**

♦ HYMN #88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
*(Advent isn't here yet, but it is coming)*

♦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*During the postlude, you are welcome to leave the sanctuary as you are ready. Everyone is invited to share a time of fellowship in the narthex.*



*This morning's chancel flowers are given in  
celebration of the lives of  
Pearl and Arthur R. Steiner.*

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## Today's Sunday Morning Volunteers

**Greeters:** Mike Harer, Michelle & Rene L'Esperance Family  
**Ushers:** Jane Stevenson, Mary Peterson, Andy & Connie Ogilvie  
**Head Usher:** Les Angell  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Laurie McCulloch, Linda Boldt  
**Nursery Caregiver:** Luann Ulmen  
**Counters:** Patti Athanas, Mike Harer

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# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## Who We Are and What We Believe :

Grounded in the grace of God and the Reformed Tradition, we believe in:

*Nurturing one another on the journey of faith.  
Compassion for all.  
Active engagement in the local and global  
community.  
Openness to the Spirit's inspiration.*

## Our Mission Statement :

*Connect. Inspire. Serve.*

*Connect people in faith, hope and love.  
Inspire lifelong discipleship and spiritual growth.  
Serve our neighbors near and far.*

as adopted by the Congregation  
on February 12, 2017

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