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 with any questions you may have.

Order of Worship 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock A.M.

November 12, 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

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Claire Boldt

One: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, says the Lord,

All: And let the one who believes in me drink.

One: Out of the believer's heart...

All: Shall flow rivers of living water.

→ HYMN #821 My Life Flows On

CALL TO CONFESSION

Greg Braatz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world, our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

A time for silent confession

→ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, hear the good news . . . and who seeks and finds us to this very day. Alleluia! Amen.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad for we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Amen!

◆ 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 LESSON

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24 (Old Testament, page 849)

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 Prayer & Finale E. Butler Handbell Choir, directed by Phillip Knisely

SERMON What Makes Worship Worthy?

Rev. Michael Goodwin

Responding to the Word

→ HYMN #757 Today We All Are Called to be Disciples

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Deacon Becky O'Connor

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Carol Lenz, Reaffirmation of Faith Lynne Phillips, Letter of Transfer Carolyn Zuehls, Reaffirmation of Faith

PROFESSION OF FAITH

RENUNCIATIONS

♦ THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these sisters and brother in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

♦ WELCOME

One: Let us welcome Carol, Lynne and Carolyn as they join with us in the worship and mission of the Church.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

OFFERTORY

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Special Giving Opportunities Today:

Make your 2018 Generosity Commitment as 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

O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

- → HYMN #694 Great God of Every Blessing
- ♦ 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 by Peg Manuel, in loving memory of Jim Manuel.

Today's Sunday Morning Volunteers

Greeter: Valerie Bayer

Ushers: Diane Lightfield, Emily Guttenberg, Maggie Layng,

Lili Braatz

Head Usher: Tim Shaffer

Kinderchurch: Susan McDowell, Leader; Dolly Manning, Greeter

Fellowship Hosts: Kevin & Kelsey McElrath

Nursery Caregiver: Luann Ulmen

Counters: Diane Lightfield, Kerry Guttenberg

"The Memo from Memorial," the weekly newsletter, is emailed every Thursday. Paper copies of both The Memo and the quarterly Chimes newsletter are available on the Friendship Table in the west hallway. If you would like to receive these publications via email, or if you do not have email and would like these publications mailed to you, please contact Paula Hoglund in the church office at 734-1787.



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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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