

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 lemonade 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. 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 are baptized, 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

7th Sunday in Easter

Ten O'clock A.M.

May 28, 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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Jane Slater

One: Here we are, Lord!

**All: We've come today to this worship service for
many reasons:**

we've come because we need to meet you,

**we've come out of habit, or because someone
made us come,**

**we've come because we hope the music will lift
our spirits,**

**we've come because we are hungry for your
word,**

**we've come because we want to see our
friends,**

we've come because we want to make friends,

**we've come because you are the friend we need
most of all.**

One: Here we are – touch each person here with your
presence, shape us into the church that you want
us to be.

All: Amen.

✦ HYMN #408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.

A time for silent confession

✦ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ 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 #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

(refrain only, sung twice)

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 (New Testament, page 188)

One: Jesus said: I am the way, the truth,
and the life. Believe in me.

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

Responding to the Word

- ✦ HYMN #761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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:
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.*

OFFERTORY

- ✦ RESPONSE #609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

- ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real
to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips
tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of
judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot
change; open to us a future in which we can be
changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the
light of the world.**

✦ HYMN #727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

One: As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

All: As people of faith we now return to the world.

One: Go out to share the story of faith, the story of life,
with the world around you.

**All: We share the faith in word and in deed, in speech
and in action.**

One: As you go out to give a living witness, as you go out
to testify to God's love active in the world, go knowing
that God goes with you, sharing the laughter and the
hope, the fears and the tears.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

During the postlude, you are welcome to leave the sanctuary as you are ready. We ask that you refrain from conversation until you reach the narthex so that other worshippers may pray or reflect silently.

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Prayer of Confession: posted in *Hearing the Parables with the Early Church* on the Baylor University website: <http://www.baylor.edu/christianethics/parablesstudyguide2.pdf>

Charge and Benediction: posted by Rev Gord, on the blog Worship Offerings.
<http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

While Pastor Mike is on sabbatical leave, we are so pleased to welcome Rosangela Berbert as our guest preacher this morning. Rosangela, a trained Ruling Elder and member of the First Presbyterian Church of Oshkosh, is a Licensed Professional Counselor and the Executive Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley. She is Brazilian and moved to Wisconsin in 2002 with her husband and their two daughters.



This morning's chancel flowers are given by the Stevenson family in celebration of the life of Phyllis Ann (Turney) Stevenson, whose birthday was May 30, and in honor of her service in the U.S. Navy and of all who serve and have served in the armed forces.

Today's Sunday Morning Volunteers

Greeters: Stephanie Kent, Ken Opgenorth, Melissa Paul

Ushers: Renee & Tom Boldt, Diane Lightfield, Kelsey Lightfield

Head Usher: Tom Neal

Fellowship Hosts: Kelsey and Kevin McElrath

Nursery Caregivers: Luann Ulmen, Abby Protsman

Counters: Kerry Guttenberg, Diane Lightfield

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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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