

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 during 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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock A.M.

August 13, 2017

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

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE The Praise of God in Nature L. Beethoven
*As the prelude begins, please take a moment of silence
to prepare for worship.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Tim Shoaf

One: They asked Jesus, "What is the greatest commandment?"

All: He said that each one should love the Lord their God with all their hearts and with all their souls and with all their minds.

Soloist: "Love the Lord Your God"

One: Jesus has given all of us the key to faithful discipleship.

All: Yet he added something that they had counted as unimportant.

One: That's right! He said that they should also love their neighbors as they loved themselves.

All: That's not always easy, but it is vitally important.

Soloist: "Love the Lord Your God"

One: Thanks be to Jesus who gives us the total picture of faithful discipleship.

All: Open our hearts, Lord, today that we might truly follow these commandments. Let us worship our God! AMEN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have laid your laws before us as a covenant and a promise. Yet, even as the words float off our lips, we break them all. With our hands, hearts, and thoughts, we harm you, each other, and ourselves. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Restore us to your community, and make us whole.

A time for silent confession

✦ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God, who remains faithful even when we do not, hears our pleas, and receives us with compassion and grace. Today your sins are forgiven. Today you are made new, recreated by the new covenant in Christ Jesus, our savior and Lord.

All: 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

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (v. 1)

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 20:1-17

Matthew 22:34-40

One: We live not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.

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

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

SERMON

Love Your Neighbor

Greg Braatz

Responding to the Word

✦ HYMN

#754

Help Us Accept Each Other

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

One: We pray this because:

All: Jesus said, "Love your neighbor"

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.

OFFERTORY

When God Forged My Being

J. Jicha

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.

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

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless, O Lord, these gifts. Help us to use them in ways that glorify your name, lift up your children, and work for the building of your Kingdom. Let us never tire of serving our brothers and sisters, so that this church may truly be your body in your world. Amen.

✦ HYMN

#317

In Christ There Is No East or West

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Down Deep in the Sea

C. Weigle

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.

We extend our appreciation to J.D. Jicha, who is providing special music for us this morning.

Throughout Pastor Mike's sabbatical leave this summer, we are welcoming guest preachers to the pulpit. Next Sunday, Emily Guttenberg will be the guest preacher.



*This morning's chancel flowers are given by
Chad and Nicole Schimmelpfenning,
in memory of Georgia Strickler.*

Today's Sunday Morning Volunteers

Greeter: Sarah Beard, Jeanne & Peter Ryerson

Ushers: Patti Athanas, Quinn Shaffer, Russ & Ruth Truettner

Head Usher: Tom Guttenberg

Fellowship Hosts: Rosemary & Scott Fraser

Nursery Caregivers: Luann Ulmen, Abby Protsman

Counters: Gayle Hardt, Beth Lepinski

"The Memo from Memorial," the weekly newsletter, is emailed every Thursday. Paper copies of both The Memo and the July-September issue of the Chimes are available in 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 Hognlund 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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