

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 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

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock A.M.

October 8, 2017

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

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE Improvisation on *Gift of Love*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT Take Me As I Am

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Harriet Robson

One: Friends in Christ, let us gather in the shelter of
God's presence.

**All: Let us bless the Lord, for God has wondrously
shown us steadfast love.**

One: God is indeed our rock and our refuge.

All: God guides us and leads us.

One: Into God's hands we commit our spirits, for God has
redeemed us.

**All: Abundant is the goodness that the Lord has
stored up for those who gather to worship God!**

✦ HYMN #305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Mike

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our rock and refuge, there are plenty of things
that we allow to erode our faith in you. When life gets
stormy, we let our uncertainty cloud our trust in you.
We think we know better and start relying on ourselves
to be able to weather the rain. Forgive our lack of hope
and the disbelief that drowns us. Allow us to hold on
to you, our rock, and to build our lives on the
foundation of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ,
our stalwart and our shelter. Amen.**

A time for silent confession

✦ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear the promise of our faith: God hears us when we cry for help and shows us steadfast love. Therefore let your hearts take courage, for God is faithful to us and has redeemed us.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, 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 #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Romans 3:20-31 (New Testament, page 154)

James 2:14-17 (New Testament, page 230)

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

Greg Braatz

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

ANTHEM

The Prayer of St. Francis
Chancel Choir

R. Clausen

SERMON

Sola Fide: Inspired by Faith

Greg Braatz, Commissioned Lay Pastor

Responding to the Word

✦ HYMN #769 For Everyone Born (verses 1-3)

✦ CONFESION OF FAITH

Question and Answer #21 from the Heidelberg Catechism

One: What is true faith?

All: It is not only a certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in God's Word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the gospel, that, not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, out of sheer grace solely for the sake of Christ's saving work.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Mike

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

OFFERTORY

Nocturne No. 3
Handbell Choir

arr. Dobrinski

MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY

Dave Ogilvie

Special Giving Opportunities Today:

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 #710 We Lift Our Voices

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Here are the gifts that you have given us, O God, to build up your will in this community and in the world. Bless us with wisdom, with faith and with courage to use this offering to spread the good news of your salvation. In the name of the triune God we pray. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

COMMISSIONING CROP HUNGER WALK PARTICIPANTS

One: We gather today in the hope that our walking on behalf of hungry people will make a difference in their lives.

All: We give thanks to God for the privilege of being able to confront the evil of hunger through participating in this CROP Hunger Walk.

One: We walk to accompany those whose daily lives are ones of survival, struggle and accomplishment, knowing that all people prefer to live lives of dignity, as all are created in God's image.

All: We acknowledge that our efforts alone will not end hunger, but as members of this community of faith, we are saying yes to hope, and yes to walking as partners united in a vision that there is enough for all.

One: We walk by faith: faith in God who created us, faith in the ministry of CWS that our financial and in-kind contributions will be received as both gift and as our acknowledgment that ending hunger is a goal worthy of the One who gives life to all.

All: We are a privileged people because we live to serve others, even as we are enriched by our symbolic walking with those near and far away who, like us, live as children of God, and strive for a world without hunger.

One: So we pray together...

All: Gracious God, on this day and the days to come, unite us as we walk with one another, give us perseverance in confronting hunger, and wisdom to call upon our elected officials to legislate in ways that will better serve the needs of hungry and oppressed people throughout the world. Amen.

✦ HYMN #769 For Everyone Born (verses 4-5)

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION Go Now in Peace D. Besig

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.



This morning's chancel flowers are given by Judy and Lynne Phillips in memory of their husband and father, Bill Phillips, whose life continues to be a source of inspiration, pride and joy.

Today's Sunday Morning Volunteers

Greeters: Marty Ward, Walt Kleman, Emily Guttenberg

Ushers: Steve Bloemer, Jane Slater, Mike & Tracy Zuege

Head Usher: Les Angell

Kinderchurch: Joel Screnock, Leader; Dolly Manning, Greeter

Fellowship Hosts: Cori & Kerry Marinan

Nursery Caregivers: Luann Ulmen

Counters: Ann Smith, Connie Olson

"The Memo from Memorial," the weekly newsletter, is emailed every Thursday. Paper copies of both the Memo and the Chimes 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 Hوجلund 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.

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