

# *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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

Ten O'clock A.M.

December 3, 2017

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✦ *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

#### ADVENT CANDLE LITANY: HOPE CANDLE

Global Mission Team

✦ HYMN #100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Greg Braatz

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God, your promises have never wavered, and yet we are not always willing to believe them. We descend into our own despair, unable to see past our immediate concerns. We drag others down with us and live to complain and commiserate. We ignore the miracles in front of our face. Forgive us for living such small lives, O Lord, and restore in us the wonder of what it is to be your people. Amen.**

*A time for silent confession*

✦ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

All: **God is with us. God is for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. 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 #583 Glory to God

**Proclaiming the Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 3:1, 8-30 (Old Testament, page 822)

One: Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands forever.

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Justin Sundberg

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

ANTHEM

Angel Carol  
*Chancel Choir*

arr. Page

SERMON

*The Disobedient Word*

Rev. Michael Goodwin

**Responding to the Word**

✦ CONFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

*(Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)*

- ✦ HYMN #347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Justin Sundberg

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 #608 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has an Open Table. All who hold Jesus as their Lord and Savior, are invited to the table.*

*Today, we come forward to receive the Supper by Intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the juice before eating.*

*For those with gluten sensitivity, there are gluten-free wafers on the tray held by the central server.  
Children may commune with parent's consent.*

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord**

One: let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

RESPONSE #556 Holy, Holy, Holy

...Remembering all these gifts of your faithful Word throughout the ages, we take from your creation these gifts of bread and vine and offer them to you with our words of deepest thanks and praise, as we offer ourselves to the service of your Word at work in the world.

RESPONSE #557 Christ Has Died; Christ Has Risen

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

RESPONSE #558 Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING COMMUNION

✦ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

✦ HYMN #106 Prepare the Way, O Zion

✦ 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. Also, feel free to stay after the worship service and postlude for the annual "Hanging of the Greens" when we'll decorate the church for the Advent Season!*



*This morning's chancel flower arrangement is  
in loving memory of Alice Okkonen and  
Dolores & Bud Wittwer,  
given by the Tim Shaffer Family.*

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## Today's Sunday Morning Volunteers

**Greeters:** Barry and Kirstin Telfer Family

**Ushers:** Pam Dodge, Gayle Hardt, Walt Kleman, Laurie  
McCulloch

**Head Usher:** Richard Dodge

**Communion Servers:** Emily Guttenberg, Laurie McCulloch,  
Peter Ryerson

**Communion Preparation:** Mary Lou Opgenorth

**Fellowship Hosts:** Cori Marinan, Jane Slater

**Nursery Caregiver:** Luann Ulmen

**Counters:** Mark Smith, Lee Parker

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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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