

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 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

Transfiguration Sunday

Ten O'clock A.M.

February 11, 2018

✦ *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 Jim Bowman
One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I
fear?
All: I was blind, but now I see!
One: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall
not fear.
All: I was blind, but now I see!
One: One thing I ask: to live in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life.
All: I was blind, but now I see!
- ✦ HYMN #452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

CALL TO CONFESSION

Greg Braatz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness
rather than light.
We keep shameful deeds secret,
but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.
We see ourselves as blameless,
but pass judgment on others.**

**We do not stand firmly enough with those who
are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Bring us into your light that we may
see ourselves rightly.**

**Bring us into your light that we may
know ourselves loved.**

**Bring us into your light that we may
live more fruitful lives.**

**Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin,
and shine upon us with your grace.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
the light of the world. Amen.**

A time for silent confession

✦ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Sisters and brother is Christ, hear the good news:
God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even
pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven
people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a
new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

**All: We will live as children of the light for Christ
shines on us.**

✦ 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 #110 Love Has Come (Verse 1)

Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 9:1-41
New Testament, page 102

Dramatic Reading of the Text

Narrator	Jim Bowman
Disciples, Neighbor 2	Linda Boldt
Jesus	Richard Dodge
Neighbor 1, Parents	Lowell Peterson
Man	Kathy Privatt
Pharisee 1	Greg Braatz
Pharisee 2	Mike Goodwin

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**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 If I Forget, Yet God Remembers D. Pederson

SERMON *What Do You See?*
Rev. Michael Goodwin

Responding to the Word

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once and for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.

All: Jesus expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

One: Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted.

All: God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating Jesus as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all humankind.

Adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.08

✦ HYMN #649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sounds

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Greg Braatz

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:
Per Capita special offering*

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

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abundant Lord, we bring our thanks for all that you have generously given us, without our asking and without our merit. Bless now these gifts that your church offers, and use our plenty to supply the need of others. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

✦ HYMN #377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

During the postlude, you are welcome to leave the sanctuary as you are ready.

Pancakes and More!

Everyone is invited to join the Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by MPC's Youth Fellowship Group.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will begin around 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



This morning's chancel flower bouquet is in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim and Marie Desens, who were married here at MPC on February 17, 1968. In the bouquet, red represents Jim & Marie, yellow represents their children, white represents their grandchildren, and pink represents their great-grandchild.

Today's Sunday Morning Volunteers

Greeter: Alice Baumbach

Ushers: Betty & Steve Lockhart, Bev Hill, Mary Peterson

Head Usher: John Hill

Fellowship Hosts: Linda Boldt, Francie Kopecky

Nursery Caregiver: Luann Ulmen

Counters: Connie Olson, Jeanne Ryerson

"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 Heglund 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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