

*"Everyone  
who belongs  
to the truth  
listens to  
my voice."*

*John 18:37*

# *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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent YOUTH SUNDAY

Ten O'clock A.M.

March 11, 2018

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

## Gathering Around the Word

### THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

*“The spiritual life is a gift. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit, who lifts us up into the kingdom of God’s love. But to say that being lifted up into the kingdom of love is a divine gift does not mean that we wait passively until the gift is offered to us. Jesus tells us to set our hearts on the kingdom. Setting our hearts on something involves not only serious aspiration but also strong determination. A spiritual life requires human effort.”*

*Henri Nouwen, “Making All Things New: An Invitation to the Spiritual Life,” pages 65. (MPC’s Book Study for Lent 2018)*

### PRELUDE

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Paige Kempf
- One:** God our King of glory, we come together in your name, lifting our heads and opening the doors to you.
- All:** **Come in and be with us in this time as we learn, pray, and worship together. Unlock our hearts to welcome one another. Knit us into one community. Fill our voices to sing your praise.**

- ✦ HYMN #314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ashley Zuege

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we are like willful children who have turned from you. We have closed our hearts to you and disobeyed your law. We do not love you with our whole hearts. We do not love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Forgive us. Help us to turn back to you and receive forgiveness.**

*A time for silent confession*

- ✦ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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 #468 In My Life (verses 1, 3)

v. 1: *In my life, Lord, be glorified...*

v. 3: *In your church, Lord, be glorified...*

### Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Aoife Marinan

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Narrator: Aoife Marinan

Pilate: Sydnie Shaffer

Jews: Breckyn Shaffer

Jesus: Jens Telfer

John 18:28-40 (New Testament, page 112)

One: We proclaim Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of 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”*

ANTHEM     Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed     D. Govenor  
*Phillip Knisely, director; Natalie Galster-Manz, organist*

SERMON                     What Is Truth?  
*Presented by Claire Boldt, Paige Kempf, Breckyn Shaffer,  
Sydnie Shaffer, Jens Telfer and Ashley Zuege*

### **Responding to the Word**

#### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

**All: It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09*

#### ✦ HYMN #749 Come! Live in the Light!

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Greg Braatz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After each petition:*

One: Build us together in Christ

**All: Make us your dwelling place**

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.*

- ✦ RESPONSE #618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High  
(verse 5)
  
- ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Paige Kempf  
**We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. Amen.**

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

- ✦ HYMN #372 O for a World
  
- ✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Joel Screnock

### 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.*

# Thank You!

*Many thanks to the Youth Fellowship Group who are leading us in worship today!*

Claire Boldt  
Garett Johnson  
Marley Johnson  
Paige Kempf  
Aoife Marinan  
Breckyn Shaffer  
Sydnie Shaffer  
Jens Telfer  
Ashley Zuege

And Group Leaders: Renee Boldt, Chad Schimmelpfenning,  
and Joel Screnock

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## Today's Sunday Morning Volunteers

**Greeters:** Youth Fellowship

**Ushers:** Youth Fellowship

**Head Usher:** Tim Shoaf

**Fellowship Hosts:** Megan Biese, Jane Slater

**Nursery Caregiver:** Luann Ulmen

**Counters:** Kerry Guttenberg, Diane Lightfield

*"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 Hogleund 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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