

Do Not Fear

Written by, Gayle Dixon

God's always here, always there,
Though we're sometimes in despair.
Do not fear, as God is ever present, ever close.
As near to us as the heartbeat of a
baby in a mother's womb,
Closer than a brother, a father, friend, or mother.
Through all the circumstances of our lives,
Even then, both now and forever
He will be, as he is eternal.
As the wind follows the instance of a breeze.
As the echo of a voice in the hollow of a cave.
Nearness reverberating through our
troubled waters. our rivers of difficulty,
even the burning fires.
God, our deliverer, our keeper, and sustainer
in all the storms of our lives. Speaks through the
earthquake, wind, and fire with reassuring words,
"Do not fear," And we hear the voice of the
Spirit that claims and comforts,
"My Beloved, I have redeemed you.
I am yours, and you are mine."

God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love. 2 Timothy 1:7

Memorial Presbyterian Church **Day of Pentecost**

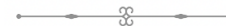
May 19, 2024 – 11:00 am



Pastor Billy Grier Jr., Guest Minister

William McLeod, Guest Musician

Jessie Spicer, Worship Leader



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Processional

Greetings and Call to Worship

Jessie Spicer

‡ Hymn of Praise

"The Solid Rock"
African American Hymnal #385

Welcome and Announcements

Jessie Spicer

Passing of the Peace

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also, with you.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Responsive to Forgiveness

"Thank You Lord"
African American Hymnal #531

Invitation to Offering

Jessie Spicer

Heavenly Father, as we gather on this Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded of the transformative power of your Spirit, breathing life into dry bones and igniting the hearts of your people. Just as you enlivened the early church with the wind and fire of your presence, empower us to prophesy life into the brokenness of our world. May our offering today be a testament to our faith in your promise of renewal and restoration. Amen.

‡ Please stand as you are able

Offertory Music

King Isaiah Thompson
Guest Musician

‡ Presentation of Offering

"We Give The But Thine Own"
Presbyterian Hymnal #428

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jessie Spicer

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, by your Spirit open our minds and hearts to the story of your steadfast love for all people. May your word take root and grow and bear good fruit in Memorial and in all of us gathered here, that our lives may show forth your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament Isaiah 43:1-3

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Music of Inspiration

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
African American Hymnal #158

Sermon

Don't Be Moved By The Wind
| Pastor Billy Grier Jr., Guest Minister

‡Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Closing Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arm"
African American Hymnal #371

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Recessional

‡ Please stand as you are able

Upcoming Events

2024 Birthday Offering

Our Birthday Offering this year will help to finance Advocates for Community Choice *dba* Bethel Hills Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area in Marthasville, Missouri (\$123,500). This organization helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with housing and therapeutic needs.

It will also help Shawnee Presbyterian Church Café Ginko in Louisville Kentucky (\$150,000). This organization helps mothers and children experiencing food insecurities. In addition to kitchen renovations, they will offer elementary level tutoring for the children and financial literacy classes for the mothers.

Yellow offering envelopes are in the pews for your convenience. Also, you may give online or indicate your desired amount on your regular envelope in the "other" section.

Presbyterian Women would appreciate any amount you wish to give. Thank you in advance for your participation.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The *Women* of Memorial are excited and are pleased to announce the presentation of four plays featuring characters from the Bible. The performers will be members of our congregation.

The performances will be held at Memorial

Saturday, June 15, 2024 **Delilah and Sampson & Lot's Wife**

Saturday, June 22, 2024 **Salome & Potiphar's Wife**

Mark your calendars and **SAVE THE DATES**
These are MUST SEE Events!

Memorial Presbyterian Church

Announcements



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Submit announcements by Wednesday of each week.

Email- mpc2600clerk@outlook.com Offering, pay securely at mpcclt.org



Lifting Our Members In Prayer



Elder Jeanne Brayboy
Margaret Lucas

Frieda McGregor
Alice Mitchiner



Celebration of May Birthdays

Gayle Dixon 5/4, Willie Little, 5/7, Jeanette Hill Scott 5/8,
Harryette White 5/17, Margaree Hill 5/24, Winona Mccullough
5/24

Anniversary

Ray and Cheryl Merritt 5/15

Presbyterian Women

A Prescription for Possibility

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly, John 10:10

Presbyterian Women of Memorial will embark upon their 7th year of mission work in partnership with Mr. Kwame Amanfoh, founder of Victory Vision Care in rural Ghana. We're collecting gently used prescription eyewear and monetary support for two clinics. Our support will help change lives. The project began in February and culminates in June.



2024 Churchwide Gathering- Presbyterian Women

The Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held on, August 8-11, 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri. You may register by accessing this website presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.



Sunday School

Multiage Sunday School will be held for children and youth on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of *May* at 11:00 am in the Sunday School Room off the Fellowship Hall.



The Worship Ministry Team

Have you considered becoming a worship leader? The Worship Committee is offering training for individuals interested in being a part of our morning worship service. For more information, please contact Elder Stanley Graham.