

First Presbyterian Church

Service of Commissioning
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Awake, Awake to Love and Work" arr. Owens

Call to Worship *from Psalm 24*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;

the world, and those who live in it.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***God of all, we are secure in your steadfast love,
yet that security entices us to avoid others and stay to ourselves.***

Forgive us for keeping our faith within these walls,

for neglecting our neighbors in need,

for shrugging off our connections to this community,

for playing it safe in the name of Jesus, who risked it all.

Push us beyond what is comfortable to do what is most faithful.

Fill our hearts with compassion,

and open our eyes to see how you always go before us.

In the name of Christ, we pray.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 589 ***Alleluia ... Now the Lord is risen indeed!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 145 (OT, p. 581)

Words of Commissioning

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 295 "Go to the World!"

* Benediction

* Congregational Amen 601

* Postlude "The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound" arr. Wood

All are invited to make their offering at the door as they depart today.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary by Dick and Marie Cochrane.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Coordinator for Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Andy Kepler
Ushers	Betty Keen, Mary Parry
Welcomer	Jeanne Comly



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Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.