

First Presbyterian Church

Jazz Communion Service

September 1, 2013

10:00 a.m.

*In reverence to God and respecting the musical prayers offered today,
please enter the sanctuary in silence and joy.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Music

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless God's holy name.

Declare God's salvation from day to day.

* Hymn 263 (PH) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

The band will play a brief interlude between each verse.

* Call to Confession

* Litany of Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

(silent confession, to the music of the blues)

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

People: ***We confess the hostility that turns nation against nation
and neighbor against neighbor.***

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

People: ***We confess our hunger for things that do not belong to us.***

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us;

People: ***We confess the greed that exploits human labor
and plunders the earth;***

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; and help us walk your Way;
and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

People: ***We confess our slavery to habits and compulsions that degrade
the image of God within us;***

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

People: ***We confess our indifference to all who have no place to call home.***

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us;

People: ***We confess the arrogance of presuming we are always right,
and our tendency to trust ourselves rather than God.***

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; and help us walk your Way;
and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Musical Response "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8 (NT, p. 227)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NT, p. 77)

Sermon: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 442 (PH) "The Church's One Foundation"
The band will play a brief interlude between the verses.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Pass the Plate"

Bill Carter

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (PH, p. 13) and Lord's Prayer (PH, p. 16)

The Words of Institution and Communion of the People

All are invited to eat the bread and drink the cup as they are served.

Communion Music "Let Us Break Bread Together"

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 464 (PH) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
The band will play a brief interlude between the verses.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude Music

*If you must leave before the music is finished,
please leave silently in respect for those who are remaining.*

* All who are able shall stand. PH - Presbyterian Hymnal

Today's Worship Leaders

Al Hamme, saxophone Tony Marino, bass Tom Whaley, drums
Tim Schumacher, guitar Dr. Susan Kelly, cantor
Connie Weiss, liturgist Rev. Roger Griffith, preacher
Alice Broxton, Dick Broxton, Elaine Lavelle, ushers



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Hebrews 13:1-8

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves

will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."