

**First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2013

9:00 a.m.

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Preludio XXIII" J. S. Bach  
Beverly Bright, Connie and John Weiss

Call to Worship  
Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\* Hymn 181 (PH) "Come Sing to God"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,  
Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open us to a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon  
\* Passing of the Peace  
\* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
First Lesson: Genesis 33:1-4 (OT, p. 30)  
Psalter: Psalm 30 (PH 181)

A Time with Children

Special Music "Great is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Lloyd Larson  
Connie and John Weiss

Second Lesson: Luke 15:11-32 (NT, p. 78)  
Sermon: "The Story of a Dysfunctional Family" Rev. Carter  
*Fall Series: Windows into God's Grace*

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 298 (PH) "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"  
\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)

Prayers of the People

Offering  
Offertory "Pastorale" Penfield  
\* Doxology (PH 592)  
\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 223 (PH) "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"  
\* Charge and Blessing  
\* Postlude "Toccata Brevis" Penfield

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\* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal **Sing** Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

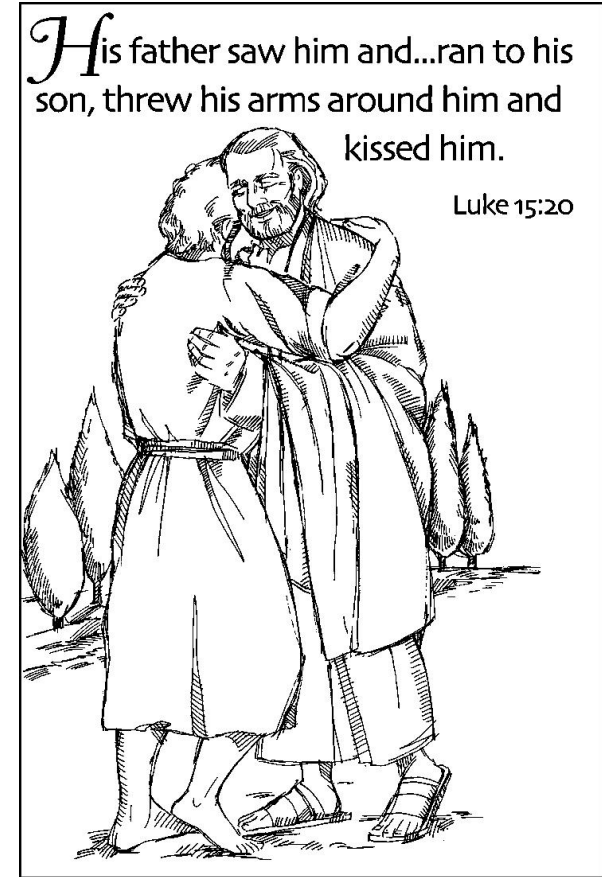
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Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Jana Schillinger
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### ***Genesis 33:1-4***

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### ***Luke 15:11-32***

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in

the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

# Welcome to 10:55 ALIVE!

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## GATHERED FOR GOD

Gathering Songs: Sing 28, 16  
Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

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**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\* Hymn 14 (Sing) "God, You Call Us to This Place"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (Sing 53) *followed by silent confession*

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response (Sing 74)

**Surely it is God who saves me! I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
And God will be my Savior.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD

Prayer for Understanding

First Lesson: Genesis 33:1-4 (OT, p. 30)

Psalter: Psalm 30 (PH 181)

A Time with Children

Musical Moment "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

arr. Wagner

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:11-32 (NT, p. 78)

Sermon: "The Story of a Dysfunctional Family"

Rev. Carter

*Fall Series: Windows into God's Grace*

## RESPONDING TO GOD

\* Hymn 298 (PH) "There's a Wildness in God's Mercy"  
*We invite you to change the third word in the first line.*

\* What We Believe and Want to Believe

We will be Alive to God!

**We will be Alive to Each Other!**

We will be Alive to the World's Pain.

**We will be Alive to the Spirit's Power.**

Prayers of Silence, Prayers in Voices, and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves

Offertory

"Pastorale"

Penfield

\* Response (Sing 215)

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
Set you seal upon my heart and live in me.**

\* Prayer of Thanks

## GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING

\* Hymn 223 (PH) "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

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\* Postlude

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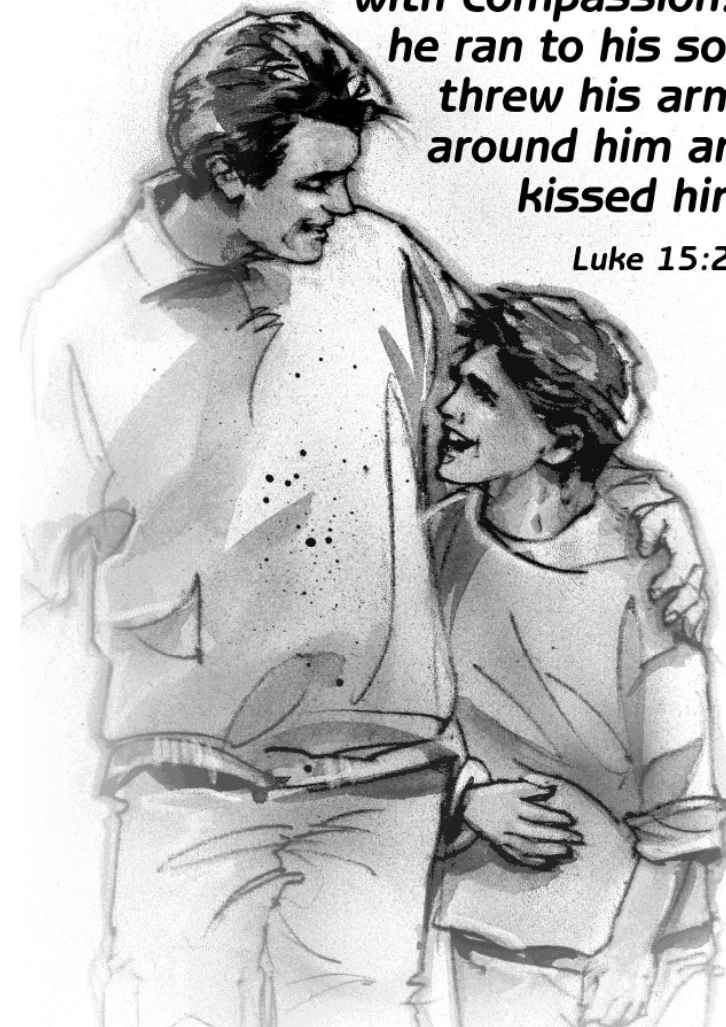
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***Luke 15:20***



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