

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2013

9:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

Call to Worship from Luke 6:35
The Lord has called us children of the Most High;
For God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 34 (Sing) "Let All Creation Bless the Lord"
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 and Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (NT, p. 208)
Psalter: Psalm 79:1-9 (OT, p. 540)

A Time with Children

Anthem "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" arr. Wagner

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-9 (NT, p. 79)
Sermon: "When Dishonesty is Honored" Rev. Carter
Fall Series: Windows into God's Grace

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 275 (PH) "God of Our Life"

* Affirmation of Faith: 1 Timothy 2:5-6

**There is one God;
There is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Peacemaking
Offering
Offertory

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 356 (PH) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God

- by Patti Delaney in memory of her father, Thomas V. Gilboy; and
- in honor of Tinka Zenke's 99th Birthday with love from her family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Heather Acker
Ushers	Deb Traettino, Lee Wirth



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1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16:1-9

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

Welcome to 10:55 ALIVE!

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GATHERED FOR GOD

Gathering Songs: Sing 28, 16

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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* Prayer of Confession *followed by silent confession*

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* 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: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (NT, p. 208)

A Time with Children

Musical Moment "Be Still, and Know that I am God"

Bedford

Second Lesson: Luke 16:1-9 (NT, p. 79)

Sermon: "When Dishonesty is Honored"

Rev. Carter

Fall Series: Windows into God's Grace

RESPONDING TO GOD

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* What We Believe and Want to Believe

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

A Minute for Peacemaking

Offering Ourselves

Special Music

* Response (Sing 215)

***Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me!***

* Prayer of Thanks

GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING

* Hymn 356 (PH) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude



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Liturgists	Members of Chapel Choir
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