

## First Presbyterian Church

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

October 20, 2013

9:00 and 10:55 a.m.

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

Call to Worship from Psalm 38:15

It is for you, O Lord, that I wait;

***It is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.***

This is the day the Lord has made.

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

\* Hymn 482 (PH) "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God,***

***we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart.***

***We have failed to be your obedient people.***

***We have not done your will,***

***we have broken your law,***

***we have rebelled against your love.***

***We have not loved our neighbors,***

***and refused to hear the cry of the needy.***

***Forgive us, we pray.***

***Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34 (OT, p. 735)

Psalter: Psalm 119:97-104 (OT, p. 568)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Jeff Leas

Second Lesson: Luke 18:1-8 (NT, p. 81)

Sermon: "Knocking Until the Door Opens"

Rev. Carter

*Fall Series: Windows into God's Grace*

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 326 (PH) "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Response: "Wait for the Lord" (Sing 96)

A Minute to Praise Volunteer Service

Offering

Offertory

\* Doxology (PH 592)

\* Prayer of Dedication

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 204 (Sing) "Lord, Make Us Servants"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "Fugue"

Handel

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\* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

**Sing** Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Charlotte and Jack Spory to the glory of God and in honor of their children.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Guest Organist	Nancy Post
Liturgist	Charles Swisher
Ushers	John Conklin, Brian Schillinger (9:00)
	Carole LaCoe (10:55)
Welcomers	Fred Campbell (9:00)
	Nancy Hill (10:55)



**Will not God  
grant justice to  
his chosen ones  
who cry to him  
day and night?**

Luke 18:7

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### ***Jeremiah 31:27-34***

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### **Psalm 119:97-104**

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

### ***Luke 18:1-8***

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”