



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Eggert

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:1-2

Happy are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep God’s decrees,

who seek him with their whole heart.

* Hymn 393

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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 to us a future in which we can be changed;

***and grant us grace to grow 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 (581)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Cor. 3:1-9 (NT, p. 167)

Psalter: Psalm 19:1-8 (Hymn 61)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Bless the Lord" Beethoven; arr. Hopson

Second Lesson: Matthew 5:17-37 (NT, p. 4)

Sermon: "Inhabiting the Words" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

During our prayers, we will sing the verse of hymn 472 on cue.

Offering

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Hobby

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 612 "We Praise You, O God"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Hustad

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Directory of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Dave Porter
Usher	Lee Wirth, Deb Traettino, Karen White, Ginny O'Brien
Welcomers	Linda Schuller



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1 Cor. 3: 1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Matthew 5:17-37

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I

say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.