

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude Prelude on "Brother James' Air" arr. Wright

Call to Worship Acts 2:42-47

Sisters and brothers, let us gather with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

***Let us give what we can to all who have needs
so that all people, no matter who they are,
may regard us with good will.***

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

* Hymn 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Holy One, we confess to you and to one another
that we have not always followed Christ's example.
When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return.
We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold
and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response 587 "Alleluia!"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 53:5-12 (OT, p. 684)

Psalter: Psalm 23 (Hymnal 473)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Bwana Asifiwe" ("Praise the Lord") arr. Burrows
Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (NT, p. 237)

Sermon: "He Bore Our Sins" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 157 "I Danced in the Morning"

* Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 33 and 34

Q. Why is Christ called God's "only begotten Son" when we also are God's children?

A. ***Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.
We, however, are adopted children of God – adopted by grace
through Christ.***

Q. Why do you call him "our Lord"?

A. ***Because – not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood
–
he has set us free from sin and the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

Moment for the Birthday Offering

Offering/Offertory "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word"

Larson

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 801 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

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Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Postlude”

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- All who are able shall stand.

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

- by Jack and Diane Scheuer in memory of Joseph K. Carnahan, Diane’s father, and
- by Sandra and Steuart Bailey in honor of motherhood and in celebration of Alicen Bailey-Silfies’ upcoming special birthday.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Directory of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgists	Chapel Choir
<i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders	Melba Fialko
	Barb Wadsworth
Ushers	Wayne Griffiths
	Elaine Lavelle



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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