

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Prelude in E flat (BWV 998)" J.S. Bach

Call to Worship Ps. 119:105,

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Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 15 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (verses 1-4)
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Patient and persistent God,
we come, polished and presentable,
to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect,
as if this were a safe and predictable place,
as if we could simply observe.**

Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations.

In the mystery of your love, overshadow us.

**Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts
until we bloom and spill with your passion
to serve in a world that is wasting.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response (to Hymn 15)

**O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NT, p. 13)

Psalter: Psalm 119:105-112 (OT, p. 569)

Refrain: "Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet" (Hymn 458)

A Time with Children

Special Music "Our Hearts are Open, Lord" Don R. Edwards
Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Second Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34 (OT, p. 21)

Sermon: "Mama Always Liked Me More" Rev. Carter
Summer series: God is Faithful to a Dysfunctional Family

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Fugue and Allegro in E flat (BWV 998)" J.S. Bach

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.
 * Charge and Benediction
 * Postlude "Rigaudon" Campra

 * All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Jo and John Conklin to the glory of God and in appreciation for all who serve this church.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Connie Weiss
Special Music	Bell Choir
Guitarist	John Andrews
<i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders	Jack Pittman, Char Lyon
Ushers	The Broxtons
Welcomers	Jack and Barbara Pittman



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.



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 grew up,
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 a skillful hunter,
 a man
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while Jacob
 was a quiet man,
 living in tents.

Genesis 25:27

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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundred-fold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Psalms 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.