

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2014

10:00 a.m.

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

Call to Worship

Come to the waters; come, eat and drink.

***The Lord gives us food in due season.***

Come to Christ; come, eat and be filled.

***By the grace of God, there is plenty for all.***

\* Hymn 511 "Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***God of compassion, our hearts are sick.***

***We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you.***

***We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to***

***yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help***

***instead of trusting you and feeding them***

***from your limitless supply of blessings.***

***Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you.***

***We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God,***

***through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Gloria Patri (581)

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21 (NT, p. 16)

A Time with Children

Special Music

*Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.*

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31 (OT, p. 30)

Sermon: "Limping Toward Dawn"

Rev. Carter

*Summer series: God is Faithful to a Dysfunctional Family*

Isaiah 55:1

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 517 "Here, O Our Lord, We See You"

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

Offering

Offertory

*Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Hymnal, p. 8)

Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.*

Prayer after Communion

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Setting, Langlois

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Barbara and Jack Pittman to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son-in-law, Jeff Wilson.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Guest Organist	Nancy Post
Musicians	John and Connie Weiss
Liturgist	Beverly Bright
<i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders	Donna Kepler, Briar Woodley
Ushers	Meg Hatch, Betty Keen
Welcomer	Lorraine Daniels



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*



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until daybreak.*

*Genesis 32:24*

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### ***Matthew 14:13-21***

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### ***Genesis 32:22-31***

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.