

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“Schmucke Dich”

arr. Wold

Call to Worship

Ps. 149:1, 4, 5

Praise the Lord!

Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

The Lord takes pleasure in the people.

Let the faithful sing for joy!

* Hymn 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin,
you died for our salvation.***

***Yet we still worship the false gods of the world,
forgetting that you are Lord.***

***Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.***

***Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word
nor followed the Word-made-flesh.***

***Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others
as you have shown mercy to us.***

Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (Hymnal 581)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13:8-14 (NT, p. 162)

Psalter: Psalm 149 (Hymnal 550)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

Beryl Vick, Jr.

Our young children are invited to attend “Joyful Noise” in room 103.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20 (NT, p. 20)

Sermon: “Binding and Loosing”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 529

“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether”

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Offering

Offertory

“Ecce panis angelorum”

arr. Callahan

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Hymnal, p. 9)

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

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 515 “I Come with Joy”
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude “At the Lamb’s High Feast”

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Gail Van Horn to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bob.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Meg Hatch
Joyful Noise Leaders	Robin Pinches and Laura Schillinger
Usher	Ginny O'Brien and Deb Traettino
Welcomer	Ann Chamberlin

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**IF 2 OF YOU
AGREE
ON EARTH
ABOUT ANYTHING YOU
ASK,
IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU
BY MY
FATHER
IN
HEAVEN.**

MATTHEW 18:19, NRSV

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."