

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 2, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "O Lord Most Holy" arr. Wyatzen and Hustad
Kay Ten Eyck, organ; Beverly Bright, piano

Call to Worship

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

Happy are those who take refuge in God.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

* Hymn 326 "For All the Saints" (vv. 1-4)
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
You call us to be your own children
and cover us with your love.
We would seek to be merciful as you are,
and to show compassion as you do,
but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.
Where we ought to forgive, we condemn.
The evil we should shun, we embrace.
Forgive our broken lives, tame our wayward wills,
and make us more like Christ,
until we are raised in perfection on the last day.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 326, v. 5

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 (NT, p. 249)

Psalter: Psalm 34 (Hymnal 520)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"I Am His Child"

Moses Hogan

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3 (NT, p. 240)

Sermon: "I Want to Be One Too"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 730

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

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

Minute for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory

"A Mighty Fortress"

arr. Helman

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*

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.