

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Psalm Festival / 2nd Sunday in Lent

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

March 1, 2015

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Psalm: Psalm 133 (Hymn 398)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "The Lord's My Shepherd" (Psalm 23) arr. Wright

Call to Worship Psalm 95:6-7

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For the Lord is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

* Hymn 385 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" (Psalm 100)

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession Psalm 38:1-4, 18, 21-22

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger,

or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have sunk into me,

and your hand has come down on me.

There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;

there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone over my head;

they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.

I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, do not be far from me;

make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 578 "O Lord, Have Mercy"

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;

O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;

O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Psalm 13 (Hymn 777)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Go to Dark Gethsemane" arr. Hehnke

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

Second Reading: Psalm 32 (OT, p. 506)

Sermon: "A Festival for Forgiveness" Dr. Beth Tanner

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 805 "Come Sing to God" (Psalm 30)

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "By the Babylonian Rivers" (Psalm 137) arr. Hobby

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*We will sing **Hymn 520** (Psalm 34) during the serving of the bread. Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in*

Christ. During the serving of the cup, we will sing **Hymn 655** (Psalm 116). You may drink the cup as you are served.

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 439 "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" (Psalm 103)

* Charge and Benediction

* Response

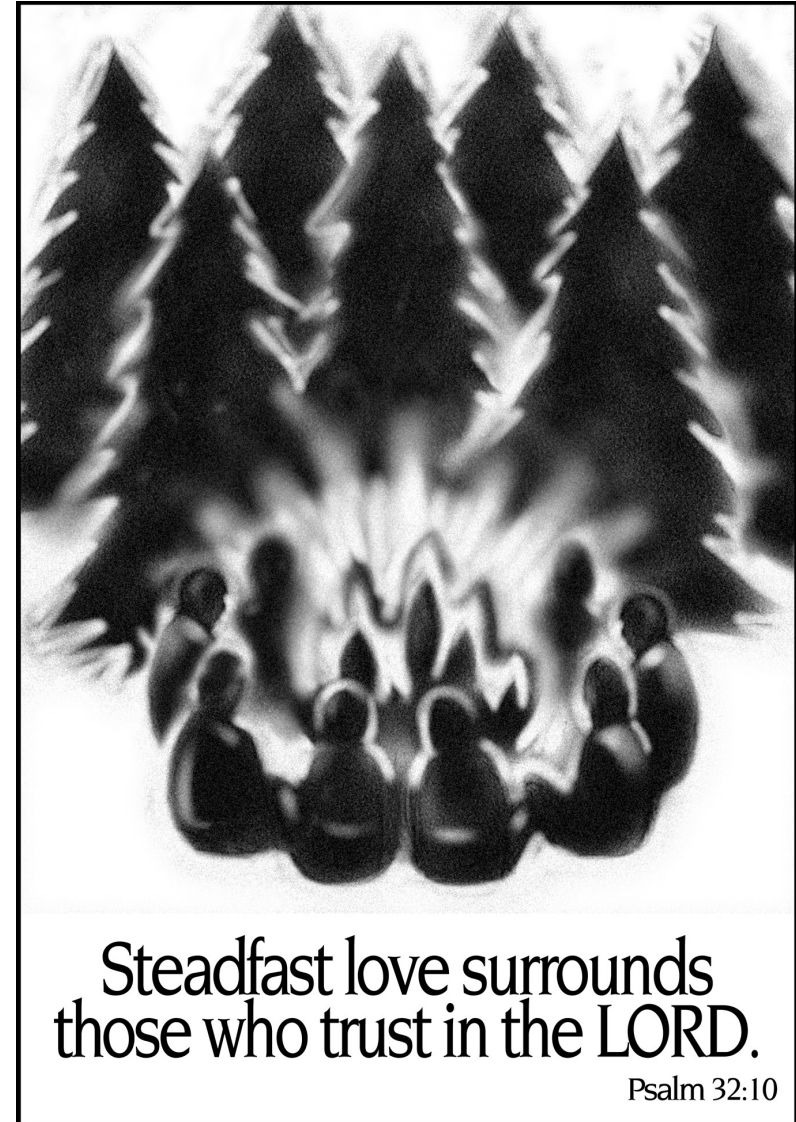
* Postlude "Psalm 19" Marcello

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Ginny O'Brien to the glory of God and in memory of Aldy Berquist.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Guest Preacher | Rev. Dr. Beth Tanner |
| Pastor | Rev. William Carter |
| Director of Music | Susan Kelly |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Liturgist | Nancy Owens |
| <i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders | Melba Fialko, Char Lyon |
| Ushers | Vi Dygert, Jack Pittman |
| Welcomer | Janet Dobson |



Steadfast love surrounds
those who trust in the LORD.

Psalm 32:10



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Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.