

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

6th Sunday in Easter

May 10, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "A Spring Melody"

anonymous

Call to Worship

Ps. 98:1-8

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

* Hymn 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we have not loved you completely,

nor have we loved each other with our whole hearts.

Forgive us, we pray, for being concerned only with ourselves.

Help us to extend our hands for the benefit of others,

and give us the courage to repair every broken relationship.

Remind us each day of our dependence on you,

and grant that our love for you and others would increase.

In Jesus' name we pray.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response: Alleluia! (Hymnal 587)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Special Music

"Noah"

Williams / Harlan

Chapel Choir

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 15:9-17 (NT, p. 109)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Bell Jubilee!"

Anna Laura Page

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

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:16(b) – 5:5 (NT, p. 241)

Sermon: "Love, Obedience, and Mom"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 324 "For All the Faithful Women"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Allegro di Molto"

CPE Bach

* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Fugue”

Buxtehude

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God

- by Jack and Diane Scheuer in loving memory of Diane’s parents, Helen B. Carnahan and Joseph K. Carnahan; and
- in loving memory of our mothers, Florence Bailey and Florence Evans by Sandra and Steuart Bailey.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Director of the Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Liturgists	Members of Chapel Choir
Joyful Noise Leaders	Laura Schillinger, Kate Hopkins
Welcomers	Kate Hopkins
Ushers	Donna Kepler and Mary Parry



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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**"This is my
commandment,**



**that you love
one another as
I have loved you."**

John 15:12

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

1 John 4:16-5:5

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or

sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?