

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

May 17, 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Wood

Call to Worship

Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff

**but who delight in God's teachings**

**and meditate on them day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

**They yield fruit in due season,**

**and their leaves do not wither.**

\* Hymn 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,**

**you call us to delight in your teachings,**

**but we can become cynical and full of doubt.**

**Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you.**

**Open our minds and enlarge our hearts,**

**that we may receive your instruction and show your love.**

**Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth;**

**in Jesus' name, we pray.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response: Alleluia! (Hymnal 587)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Reception of New Members

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13 (NT, p. 241)

Psalter: Psalm 1 (Hymnal 457)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Al Shloscha d'Varim"

Milan Naplan

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

Second Lesson: Acts 1:15-26 (NT, p. 118)

Sermon: "Filling the Chair"

Rev.

Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 722

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

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

Recognition of Our C.E. Teachers

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Adagio from Sonata I"

Mendelssohn

\* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 280

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

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

\* 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 Lorraine Daniels to the glory of God and in honor of her great-granddaughters, Brynn and Kate Hugler, as they celebrate their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Nancy Post
Liturgist	Tina Ide
Joyful Noise Leaders	Briar Woodley, Bill Farrell
Welcomer	Ann Chamberlin
Ushers	Donna Kepler and Mary Parry



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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*Then they  
prayed,*

**“Lord, you  
know everyone’s  
heart.”**

*Acts 1:24*

### ***1 John 5:9-13***

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### ***Acts 1:15-26***

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.'" So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of

John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.