

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 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 (9:45)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "God So Loved the World" Stainer

Call to Worship

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt God's name together.

* Hymn 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, you are the God of glory.

We confess that we forget that your holiness is dangerous.

We take our impurities for granted,

make excuses for the sins we commit,

and expect you to overlook the harm we cause others.

We do not deserve your mercy.

Forgive us, and return us to a right relationship with you

for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.

You made us for the purpose of praising you;

enliven us with the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill our calling

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" (591)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6 (OT, p. 591)

Psalter: Psalm 93 (Hymnal 271)

A Time with Children

Special Music "Jesus Loves Me" William Bradbury

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-20 (NT, p. 200)

Sermon: "The Preeminence of Christ: Lord of the Universe" Dr. Thompson

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Smith

* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Voluntary in C" Boyce

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Bonnie Plantholt to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, Erwin and Dorothy Eckstein.

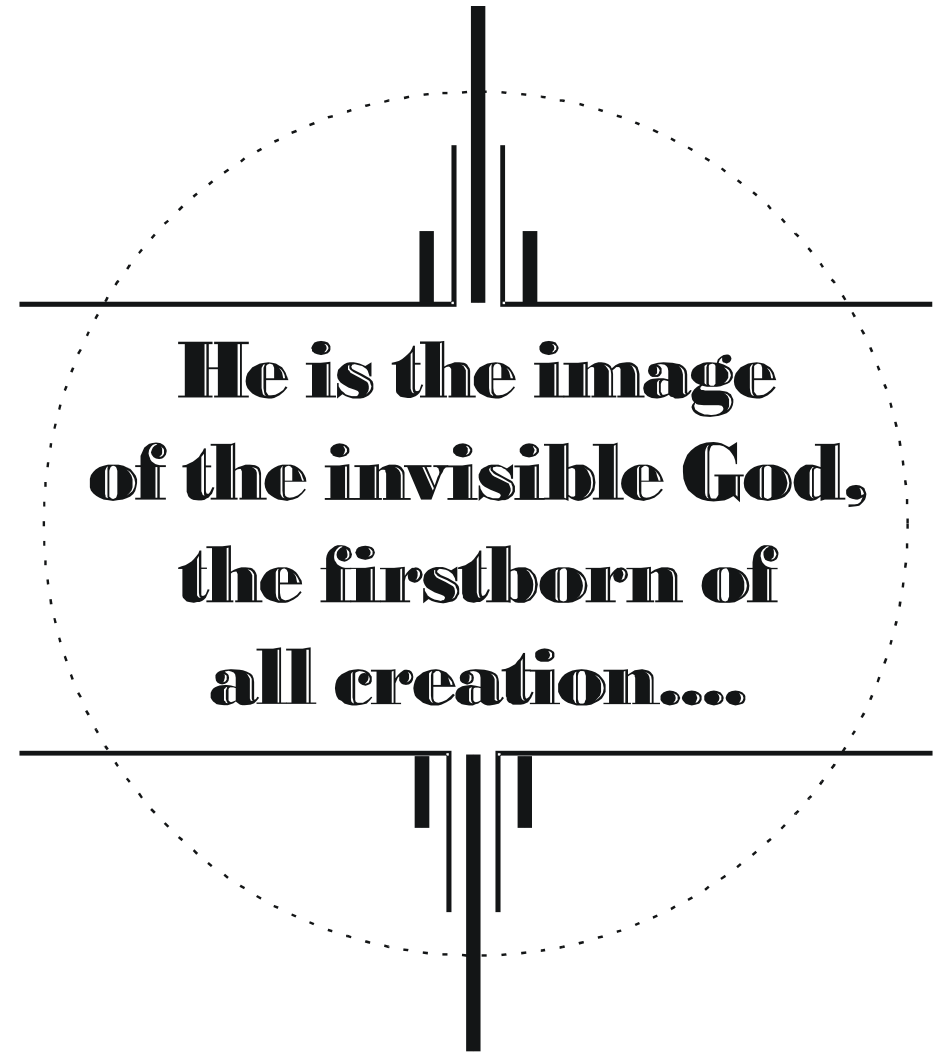
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest preacher	Dr. Murray Thompson
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Organist	Nancy Post
Special Music	Beverly Bright
Liturgist	Wayne Griffiths
Welcomers	Lee and Mick Wirth
Ushers	Meg Hatch, Joe Waters



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Colossians 1:15

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.