

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 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 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Wagner

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

***who made heaven and earth.***

This is the day the Lord has made.

***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

\* Hymn 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Holy and merciful God,***

***in your presence we confess***

***our failure to be what you created us to be.***

***You alone know how often we have sinned***

***in wandering from your ways,***

***in wasting your gifts,***

***in forgetting your love.***

***By your loving mercy, forgive our sin,***

***and help us to live in your light and abide in your ways,***

***for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

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

***Halle, halle, hallelujah!***

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (NT, p. 42)

Psalter: Psalm 15 (Hymnal 419)

A Time with Children

Special Music

"Great Is the Lord"

Smith

New Testament Lesson: James 1:17-27 (NT, p. 229)

Sermon: "Give Me That Pure Religion"

Rev. Carter

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

arr. Wagner

\* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 712 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

"March"

Anonymous

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Barbara and Jack Pittman to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their son-in-law, Jeff Wilson.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

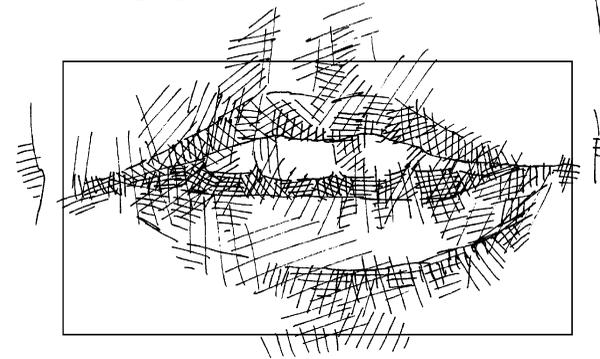
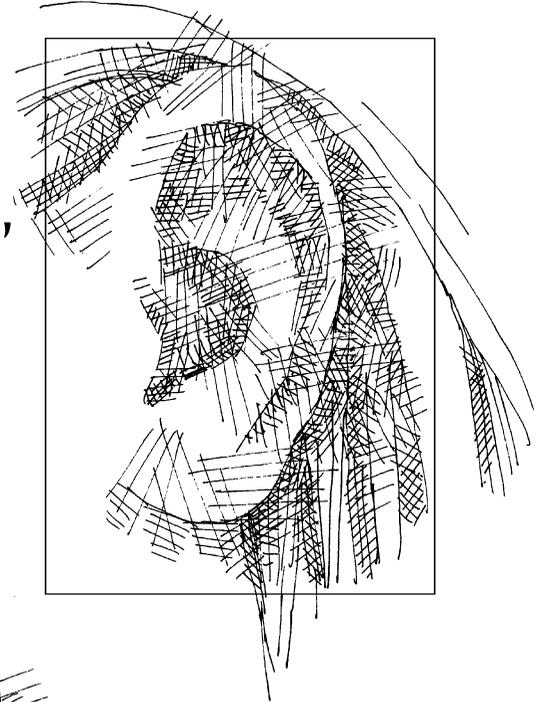
Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Special Music	Shirl's Girls
Liturgist	Charles Swisher
Ushers	Meg Hatch, Joe Waters



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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Everyone  
should be  
quick to  
**LISTEN,**  
slow to  
**SPEAK**  
and  
slow to  
become  
angry.



James 1:19

### ***Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23***

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

### ***James 1:17-27***

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.