

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude  
Call to Worship

“Prelude and Fugue”

J.S. Bach  
*Ps. 19:1-4,*

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Look at the heavens! They are shouting the glory of God.

***The days and nights declare the magnificence of God's works.***

***Their voice goes through all the earth.***

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

***Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!***

\* Hymn 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*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 and Passing of the Peace

\* Response 447

“We Are Forgiven”

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33 (OT, p. 584)

Psalter: Psalm 19 (Hymnal 61)

A Time with Children

Bibles for Our Third Graders

Special Music

“The Lord's Prayer”

Malotte

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12 (NT, p. 230)

Sermon: “Watch Your Words”

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)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“Allegro di Molto”

CPE Bach

\* Doxology 606

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

“Psalm 19”

Marcello

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\* All who are able shall stand.

*The flowers this morning have been given by Jo and John Conklin to the Glory of God and in memory of Jo's sister, Suzanne Elliott.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Meg Hatch
Soloist	Colin Jeschke
Welcomers	Mary Ellen and John Lawlor



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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The **TONGUE** is

**a small part  
of the body,**

**but it makes**

**GREAT  
BOASTS.**

James 3:5

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### ***Proverbs 1:20-33***

Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.  
At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

### ***James 3:1-12***

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.