

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 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: Hymnal 399, 397

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Wood

Call to Worship *Psalm 96:1-4*

O sing to the Lord all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless God's name.

Declare the glory of God among the nations.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

* Hymn 511 "Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you,
to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures.
Yet, in the hardness of our hearts,
we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Redeem, restore, and re-create us,
for the sake of Christ our Savior.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 447 ***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (NT, p. 218)

Psalter: Psalm 133 (Hymnal 397)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Riegger
Swedish Folk Song

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:13-16 (NT, p. 46)

Sermon: "Whom Jesus Blesses" Rev. Carter

Fall Theme: "Discipleship Camp"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 188 "Jesus Loves Me"

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

Offering

Offertory "Now the Silence" arr. Schalk

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign
of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you
may drink the cup as you are served.*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "At the Lamb's High Feast" arr. Beck

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God in honor and memory of our parents, Jo-Ann and John Ritner, and Florence and Nicholas Frangos, by Jim and Linda Frangos.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Frank Garnecki
Welcomers	Mark and Tyler Kusma
Ushers	Gayle Hamilton, Betty Keen



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Let the little children



come to me;

**do not stop them;
for it is to such as these
that the
kingdom of God belongs.**

Mark 10:14

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.