

**First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 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 "Praise to the Lord" arr. Adams  
Flutist: Ninarose Daubenhauser

Call to Worship from 1 Samuel 2:1-10

My heart exults in the Lord,

***My strength is exalted in my God.***

The Lord raises up the poor from the dust,

***to make them sit with royalty and inherit a seat of honor.***

\* Hymn 39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession 1 Sam. 2:3, 6

***O God, who is faithful and just,***

***we have failed to help those who have little  
while we have much.***

***We are boastful and haughty,***

***and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given.***

***Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way.***

***Forgive us, Merciful God,***

***and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

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

Anthem "Praise Ye the Lord, All Ye Children" Richard Proulx  
Chapel Choir; Bells: Beverly Bright and Judy Cutler

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-25 (NT, p. 224)

Psalter: Psalm 77 (Hymnal 781)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: 1 Samuel 1:1-20 (OT, p. 244)

Sermon: "Praying When You Are Desperate"

Rev. Carter

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 99 "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission

Diane Scheuer

Offering

Offertory

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Adams

Flutist: Ninarose Daubenhauser

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 840 "When Peace Like a River"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "Trumpet Tune"

Clarke

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\* All who are able shall stand.

***The flowers** this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anna Marsh by her family.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist and Director of Chapel Choir	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Diane Scheuer
Ushers	Gwynne Gilbert, Gayle Hamilton
Welcomers	Brian and Nina Schillinger



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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*1 Samuel 1:20*

*Hannah conceived and gave  
birth to a son.*

*She named him Samuel.*

### ***Hebrews 10:11-25***

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love

and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### ***1 Samuel 1:1-20***

There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah

said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant

the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

## Liturgist Materials

### Call to Confession

- Prayer of Confession is printed in the bulletin,
- Silent Confession

### Declaration of Forgiveness

*Heb. 10:17–19, 23*

People of God,  
Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all,  
forgives and saves. Therefore, be reconciled to one another,  
holding fast to the confession of our hope,  
through Christ our Lord.

### Passing of the Peace

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God  
and stand in grace through Jesus Christ.  
May the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
***And also with you.***

### Prayer for Illumination

*1 Sam. 2:9*

Almighty God,  
speak your Word to us,  
and guide our feet,  
that we might be hearers and doers of your word. **Amen.**