

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn 56

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Basse et Dessus de Trompette" Clerambault

Call to Worship from Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

* Hymn 462 "I Love to Tell the Story"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***God of our restoration,
whenever we come home to you,
we realize how far we have strayed
and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 137

He came down that we may have hope . . . hallelujah forevermore!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21 (NT, p. 61)

Psalter: Psalm 19 (Hymnal 61)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Cantique" Fauré

Old Testament Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-12 (OT, p. 436)

Sermon: "Blowing the Dust Off the Bible" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 50 "Deep in the Shadows of the Past"
* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Duo" Clerambault

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 459 "O Word of God Incarnate"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Chaconne" Couperin

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God, celebrating Char Lyon's 80th birthday and honoring her family and friends.

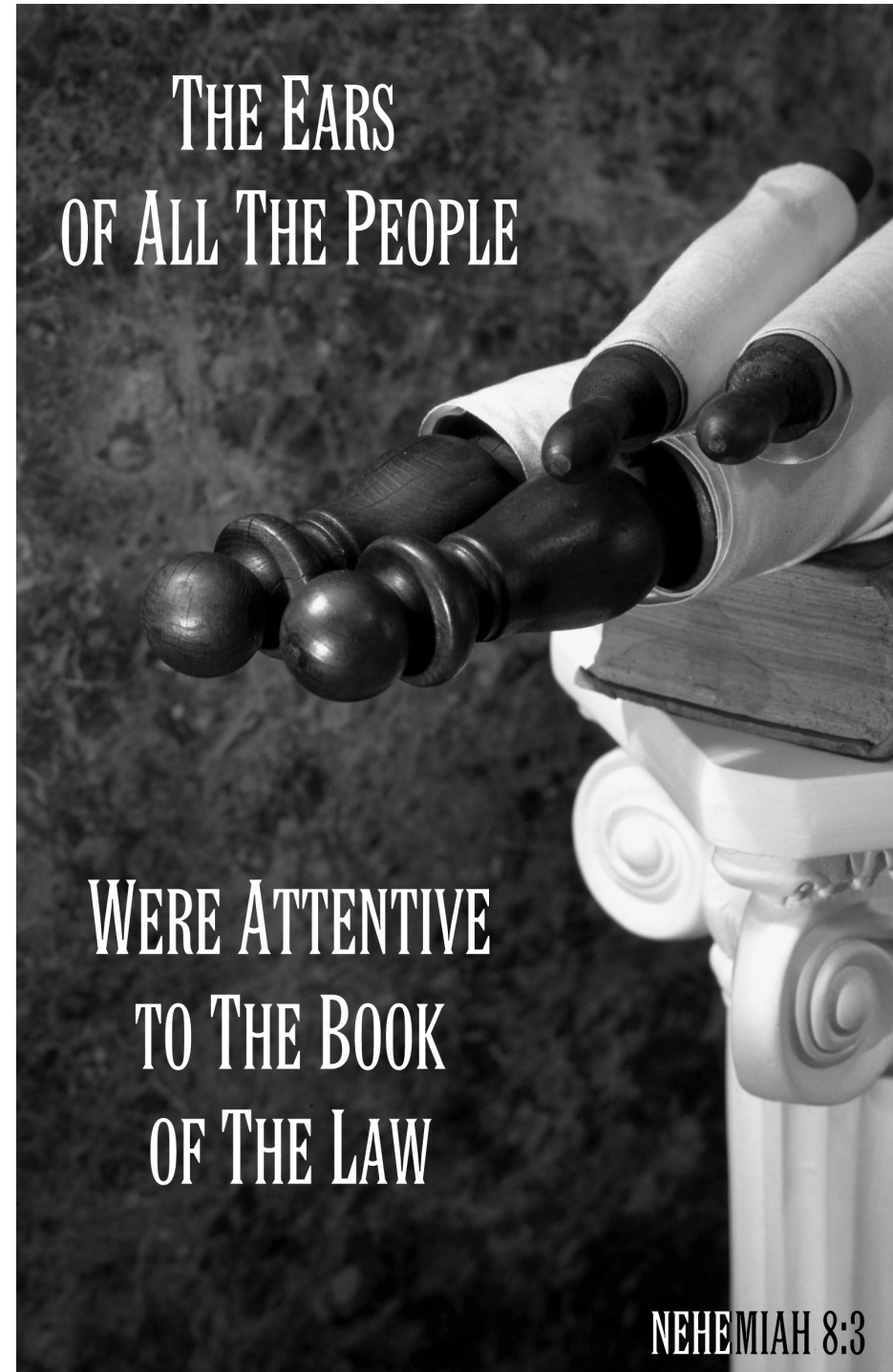
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pastor | William Carter |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Liturgist | Nancy Dennen |
| Welcomers | Lee and Mick Wirth |
| Ushers | Betty Keen, Greg Matthews |



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THE EARS
OF ALL THE PEOPLE

WERE ATTENTIVE
TO THE BOOK
OF THE LAW

NEHEMIAH 8:3

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Nehemiah 8:1-12

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah,

Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.