

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 19, 2016

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "The Lord's My Shepherd" arr. Smith

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 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we walk in ways that do not give life.

We follow our own desires.

We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors.

Do not turn away from us, O God,

but hear our cry for blessing.

Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit.

Guide us into your light

so that we may walk in your way.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! (repeat)

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-15a (OT, p. 326)

Psalter: Psalms 42 and 43 (OT, p. 515)

A Time with Children

Special Music "Great Is the Lord" arr. Smith and Hustad

Second Lesson: Luke 8:26-39 (NT, p. 68)

Sermon: "Get Out of Town, Please" Rev.

Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 181 "Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

Refrain: "Goodness is Stronger than Evil" (Hymnal 750)

Offering

Offertory "God Himself Is Present" setting, Burkhardt

* Doxology (Hymn 606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Toccata in E Minor" Pachelbel

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Sandra Bailey to the glory of God, in honor of her husband, Stuart, and in loving memory of their fathers, Guy Bailey and Edward Evans.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pastor | William Carter |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Guest Organist | Nancy Post |
| Pianist | Beverly Bright |
| Liturgist | Hoyt Keiser |
| Ushers | Meg Hatch, Donna Kepler |
| Welcomer | Jay Clymer |

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**He
went away,
proclaiming...
how much
JESUS
had
done
for him**

1 Kings 19:1-15

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he

wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Psalms 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help

and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"

As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Psalm 43

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.