

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2016

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Prelude in E Minor"

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

God, who rules the universe, calls us;

Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;

Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

Let us faithfully answer by worshiping the triune God.

* Hymn 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we desire what is not your will.

We fear failure and cling to unquestioned habits.

We are truly sorry and repent

of what we have done

and what we have not done.

Show us the path of your prophetic way.

Open our eyes to new ventures.

Help us love our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us and renew us, in the name of life abundant,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* 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: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (OT, p. 333)

Psalter: Psalm 77 (Hymnal 781)

A Time with Children

Special Music

"Silent Comes The Joy"

Gaither and Kennedy

Second Lesson: Luke 9:51-62 (NT, p. 70)

Sermon: "Calling Down Fire"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

The Sacrament of Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 17)

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

Offering

Offertory

"Verses on Bunessan"

Setting, Proulx

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Setting, Burkhardt

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by George Harris to the glory of God and in loving memory of his grandparents, George and Ellen Gilbert.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Guest Organist	Nancy Post
Liturgist	Jenna Ash
Special Music	Jenna Ash
Ushers	Betty Keen, Donna Kepler
Welcomer	John Conklin

Being baptized today is Claire Vienna Waters,
daughter of Ryan and Lauren Waters.

She is the granddaughter of Dori and Joe Waters, and
Jack and Julie Zielinski. Blessings to Claire and her family!

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LUKE 9:62



2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."