

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2016

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

Call to Worship

*Ps. 79:9; 124:8*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
***who made heaven and earth.***

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;  
***deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.***

\* Hymn 612

"We Praise You, O God"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

*Luke 16; Ps.*

*79:9*

***Gracious God, you know our sin:***

***We have squandered the gifts you have given us.***

***We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us.***

***We have been unfaithful and dishonest  
in small things and great things alike.***

***We are shrewd in seeking wealth  
and foolish in following your way.***

***Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake.***

***Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given***

***and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response 598

***Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!  
Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7 (OT p. 856)

Psalter: Psalm 79 (Hymnal 430)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-13 (NT p. 79)

Sermon: "Befriending Dishonest Wealth"

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 708

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

Dave Porter

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Amen 601

\* Postlude

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\* All who are able shall stand.

***The flowers** this morning have been given by Janet Stansbury to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Coordinator for Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	JoAnn Hall
Ushers	Meg Hatch, Jack Pittman
Welcomers	Sandra and Steuart Bailey



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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**No Slave  
Can Serve Two Masters...  
You Cannot Serve  
God & Wealth**

**LUKE 16:13**

### ***Amos 8:4-7***

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

### ***Luke 16:1-13***

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If

then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."