

First Presbyterian Church

Service of Commissioning
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 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 "Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult" Matthews
Call to Worship from Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;

the world, and those who live in it.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***God of all, we are secure in your steadfast love,
yet that security entices us to avoid others and stay to ourselves.***

Forgive us for keeping our faith within these walls,

for neglecting our neighbors in need,

for shrugging off our connections to this community,

for playing it safe in the name of Jesus, who risked it all.

Push us beyond what is comfortable to do what is most faithful.

Fill our hearts with compassion,

and open our eyes to see how you always go before us.

In the name of Christ, we pray.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and 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

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:19-31 (NT p. 79)

Words of Commissioning

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 295

"Go to the World!"

* Benediction

* Congregational Amen 601

* Postlude "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing" Hofland

All are invited to make their offering at the door as they depart today.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Dick and Marie Cochrane to the glory of God and in honor of their 24th wedding anniversary.

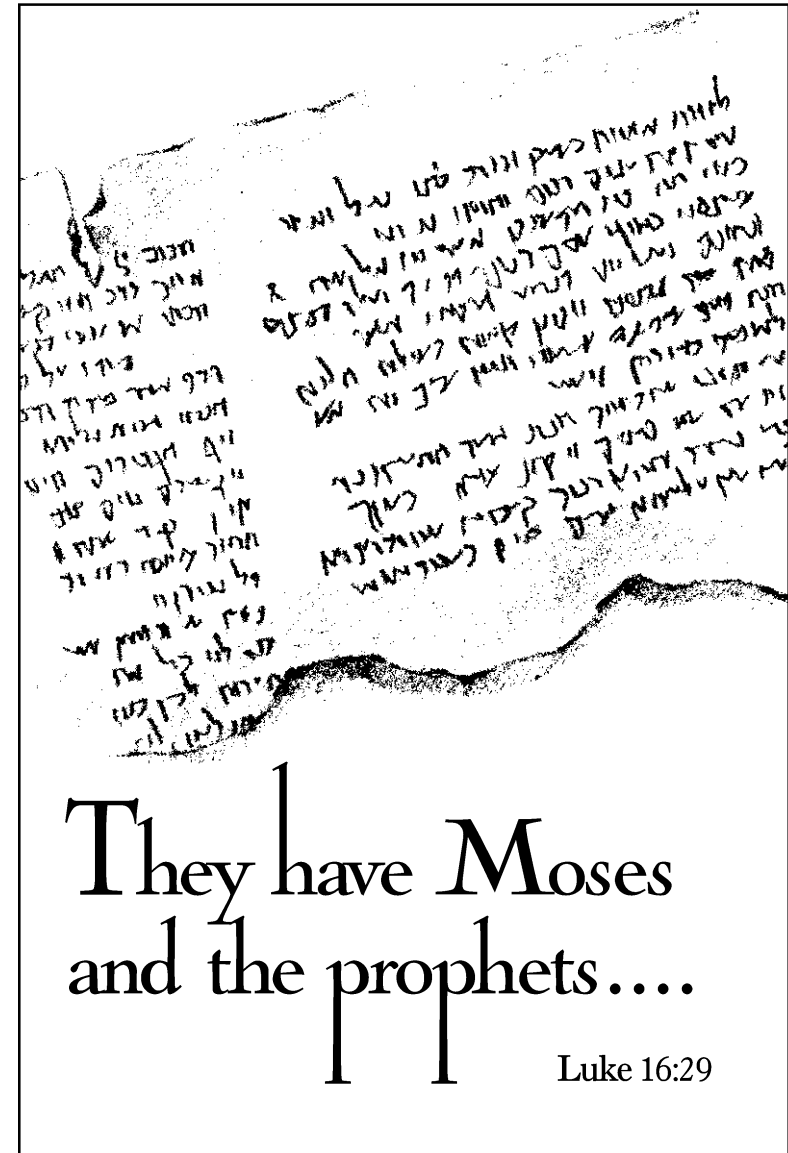
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Nancy Post
Coordinator for Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Melba Fialko
Ushers	Meg Hatch, Jack Pittman
Welcomers	Jean and Bill Siebecker



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Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”