

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 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 "Festive Piece on 'Simple Gifts'" arr. Martin
Piano duet: Beverly Bright and Nancy Post

Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done.

God is awesome in God's deeds.

God turned the sea into dry land.

God's people passed through the river on foot.

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth.

Sing the glory of God's name.

* Hymn 403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Often, O holy and righteous God,

we dare your justice, mock your mercy,

jeer your patience, slight your power,

and show contempt for your love.

We say, "I'm sorry" insincerely and confess our sin flippantly.

We plead your help

to own up carefully to how we have wronged you,

to admit honestly how we have grieved you,

to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon.

We beg your forgiveness through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

- from a prayer by John Bunyan

* 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

First Lesson: Revelation 11:15-18, 19:6-8 (NT, pp. 252 and 258)

Psalter: Psalm 145 (Hymnal 270)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Now Thank We All Our God" Bach

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:20-21 (NT p. 80)

Sermon: "Here? Really?" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory "We Praise You, O God" Peeters

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen 601
- * Postlude "Trumpet in Dialogue" Clerambault

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* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of Shirley and Jim McLaughlin for their stewardship in serving the congregation of First Presbyterian Church. May God grant you many blessings.

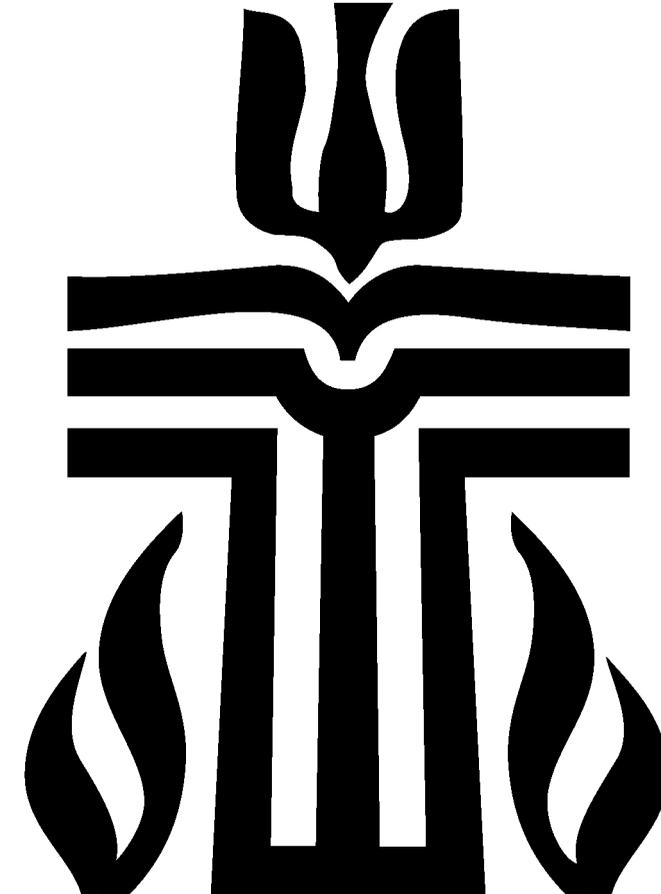
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Nancy Post
Pianist	Beverly Bright
Coordinator for Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Alan Baker
Ushers	Betty Keen, Mary Parry
Welcomers	Lee and Mick Wirth



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Revelation 11:15-18, 19:6-8

The first lesson may sound familiar, for it includes the texts that Handel used for his "Hallelujah Chorus." From the book of Revelation, chapters 11 and 19:

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever." Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, singing, "We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who are and who were, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. The nations raged, but your wrath has come, and the time for judging the dead, for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints and all who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Luke 17:20-21

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."