

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 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

"Prelude"

Franck

Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

***My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.***

My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

***Happy are those whose strength is in you.***

\* Hymn 436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Holy God,***

***no words can express the depth of our need***

***or reveal the extent of our sin.***

***But you know us completely, O God.***

***When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,***

***you forgive our transgressions.***

***You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love.***

***Humbly, we thank you;***

***for no words can express our gratitude***

***for the gift of your salvation.***

***Hear the prayers of our hearts.***

\* 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: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 (OT, p. 715)

Psalter: Psalm 84 (Hymnal 402)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"O Worship the King"

arr. M. Mazzatenta

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14 (NT, p. 81)

Sermon: "Righteousness Misfired"

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 401 "Here in This Place"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory

"Basse et Dessus de Trompette"

Clerambault

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Amen 601

\* Postlude "Trompette Jubilante"

Penfield

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\* All who are able shall stand.

*The flowers this morning have been given by Valerie and James Treadway to the glory of God and in memory of Dorothy Vizchansky and Dallas Treadway.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Coordinator for Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Steve Selige
Ushers	Mary Parry, Betty Keen
Welcomers	Lee and Mick Wirth

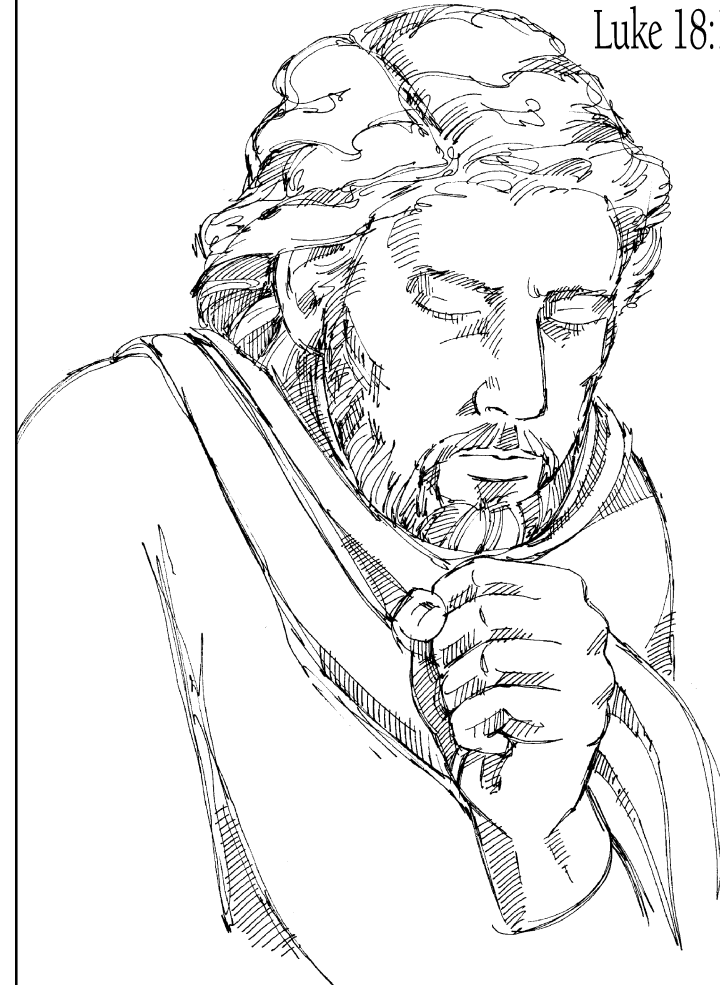


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GOD, be merciful to me, a sinner!

Luke 18:13



### ***Jeremiah 14:7-10. 19-22***

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

### ***Luke 18:9-14***

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other

a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."