

**First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

10:00 a.m.

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

"Lamb of God"  
Alleluia Choir

Pote

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song;

***sing to the Lord, all the earth.***

The choice is before us: life or death.

***Let us choose life, so that we may live.***

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn 41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession Deut. 30:15-20

***Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods;***

***we have turned our hearts away from you.***

***Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism***

***disorders our love of you and each other.***

***Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken,***

***that we may be one with you.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response 583 "Glory to God"

***Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!***

***Glory to God! Glory to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Anthem

"Bless God's Holy Name"  
Chapel Choir

Kosche

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 5:21-26 (NT p. 4)

Psalter: Psalm 19 (Hymnal 61)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Draw the Circle"

Light/Miller

Second Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (OT p. 186)

Sermon: "Loving God on Either-Or Mountain"

Rev. Carter

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 63

"The Lord Is God"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Moderato"

Albrechtsberger

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 711

"Lord of All Good"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Amen (Hymnal 601)

\* Postlude

"Voluntary"

Wagner

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\* All who are able shall stand.

*The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Crouse.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Organist, Director of Youth Choirs	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Members of Chapel Choir
Ushers	John Diven & Laura Schillinger
Welcomer	Jay Clymer



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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*“I have set before you  
LIFE and DEATH ....  
CHOOSE LIFE so that  
you and your descendants may live.”*

*Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV*

### **Matthew 5:21-26**

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

### **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.