

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
7th Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45) - Hymns 338, 337, 8  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Why do you look up toward heaven?

**Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

\* Hymn 327 "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,**

**we confess that we do not always  
bring honor and glory to your name.**

**We are rebellious and weak;  
we flee before your goodness.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
by the grace and mercy of Christ,  
that we may rise up again in peace  
to love and serve your world.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* \* Easter Response (Hymnal 587)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (NT, p. 235)

Psalter: Psalm 93 (Hymn 271)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Acts 1:6-14 (NT, p. 118)

Sermon: "Why Looking Up is Not a Good Idea"

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 260 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

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\* All who are able shall stand.

*The flowers this morning have been given by Sue and Bill Fulton to the Glory of God and in memory of all Americans who have given their lives for our country.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

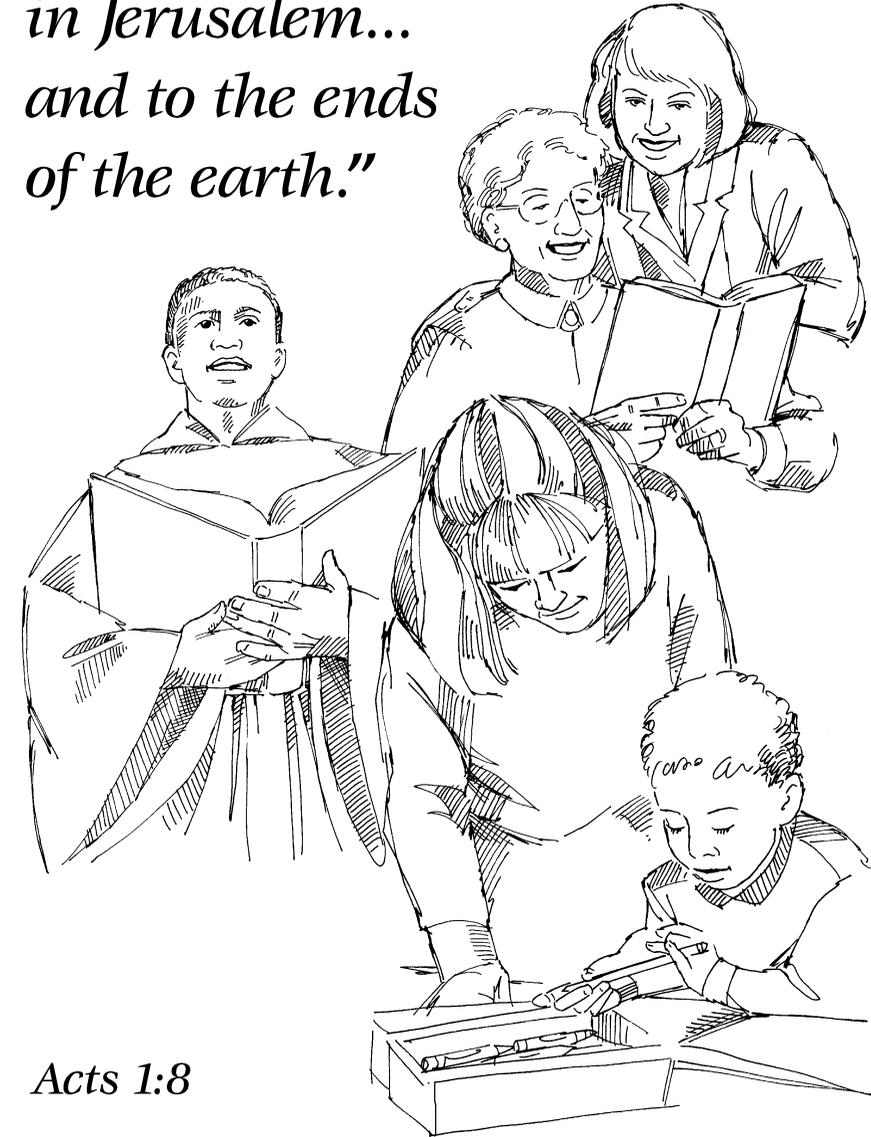
Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Judy Cutler
Ushers	Wayne Griffiths, Andrew Taylor
Welcomer	Mick and Lee Wirth



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*“You will be my witnesses  
in Jerusalem...  
and to the ends  
of the earth.”*



*Acts 1:8*

### **1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

### **Acts 1:6-14**

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he

was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.