

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

“Flourish”

Wagner

Call to Worship from Psalm 149  
Praise the Lord!

***Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,  
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.  
Let the faithful sing for joy.***

\* Hymn 33 "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession  
\* Prayer of Confession

***Holy God,  
we confess that our love for you and for others  
has not been genuine.  
We have not held fast to what is good,  
and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters.  
We have not been patient in suffering,  
nor have we persevered in prayer.  
We have repaid evil for evil  
and have failed to live peaceably with all.  
Forgive us our sin,  
free us from fear of the power of evil,  
and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness;  
through Jesus Christ.***

\* Silent Confession  
\* Assurance of Pardon  
\* Passing of the Peace  
\* Response 589

***Alleluia ... Now the Lord is risen indeed!***

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination  
Epistle Lesson: Romans 13:8-14 (NT, p. 162)  
Psalter: Psalm 149 (Hymnal 550)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:14-23 (NT, p. 19)  
Sermon: “Do You Have Enough Faith?”

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 684 "Faith Begins By Letting Go"  
\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for the Peace and Global Witness Offering  
Offering

Offertory “Orison” Wagner

\* Response 609  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Congregational Amen (601)
- \* Postlude "Toccata Brevis" Penfield

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning have been given to the glory of God in celebration of their 66th Wedding Anniversary and in thankfulness for their wonderful family, by Jim and Shirley McLaughlin.

**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	Patti Delaney
Ushers	Betty Keen, Mary Parry
Welcomers	Barbara and Jack Pittman



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If ye have faith  
as a grain of mustard seed,  
ye shall say unto this mountain,  
Remove hence to yonder place;  
and it shall remove.

Matthew 17:20

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## ***Romans 13:8-14***

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **Matthew 17:14-23**

When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised." And they were greatly distressed.