

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "A Mighty Fortress" Martin Luther, arr. Hanff

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

* Hymn 321 "The Church's One Foundation"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord God,

I cannot count the sins that I have done and am still doing.

I have forgotten most of them and no longer feel any guilt.

Whatever is in me apart from your grace, is sin and condemned.

Thus, I must altogether despair of myself,

my works, and my powers.

I know not what else to do but to pray for your mercy.

My joy and comfort is that you grant this poor sinner

the forgiveness of all my sins out of your pure grace.

I give you thanks. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 589 ***Alleluia ... Now the Lord is risen indeed!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Romans 4:16-25 (NT, p. 155)

Psalter: Psalm 130 (Hymnal 424)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Bell Jubilee"

Anna Laura Page

Gospel Lesson: John 3:16-21 (NT, p. 94)

Sermon: "By Faith Alone"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 846 "Fight the Good Fight"

* Affirmation of Faith:

I believe in the Holy Spirit...

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength

believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;

but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me

with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith;

just as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies

the whole Christian Church on earth

and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives me

and all believers all our sins;

and at the last day He will raise up me and all the dead,

and will grant me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering and a Minute for Stewardship

Offertory "Nun Bitten Wir" Text: Martin Luther, arr. Buxtehude

* 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 "This Is My Father's House" (to Hymn 370, see insert)

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude "Built on a Rock" arr. Flor Peeters

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God by Beverly Bright in loving memory of her parents, Willard and Frances Wollen Bright.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Guest Musician	Catherine Huhn
Liturgist	Judy Cutler
Ushers	Marsha Parrish, Bill Farrell
Welcomer	Jay Clymer

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Romans 4:16-25

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

John 3:16-21

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they

have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

This Is My Father's House

Words: Chris Norton

This is my father's house. My family gathers here
To praise the Lord, to hear his word,
To feel his presence near.
This is my father's house. He loves his children all.
We learn and grow, we share and show
His kindness and his call.

This is my father's house. He gives me all I need
To live each day in Jesus' way,
From sin completely freed.
This is my father's house. I would live by his design
A life renewed in gratitude,
A branch on Jesus' vine.

This is my father's house, and there is much to do.
To heal and teach, to neighbors reach,
God's kingdom to renew.
This is my father's house, and I would do my part.
I ask God for just one thing more—
A glad and grateful heart.