

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2019

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45) - Hymns of Community: 306, 316, 759, insert
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

Call to Worship from Colossians 1:25-27

The mystery of God has been hidden throughout the ages,

but now it has been revealed to God's saints.

To us, God chose to make known the riches of this mystery,

for the mystery revealed is Christ in us, the hope of glory.

* Hymn 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***O God of grace and wisdom,
our hearts have been discouraged
and we have not been united in love.
We have put our hope in things that perish
and lived as if we still belonged to the world.
Free us from our willing captivity to all that is unworthy of you,
and save us from every form of self-indulgence,
that we might live abundantly in the power of Christ,
whom you have raised from the dead.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 447

***We are forgiven! We are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God!
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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 12:32-40 (NT, p. 75)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Colossians 4:2-18 (NT, p. 202)

Sermon: "Support Staff"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

* Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

***Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and
through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering
Offertory
* Doxology 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!***

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"
* Charge and Benediction
* Congregational Amen (601)
* Postlude

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

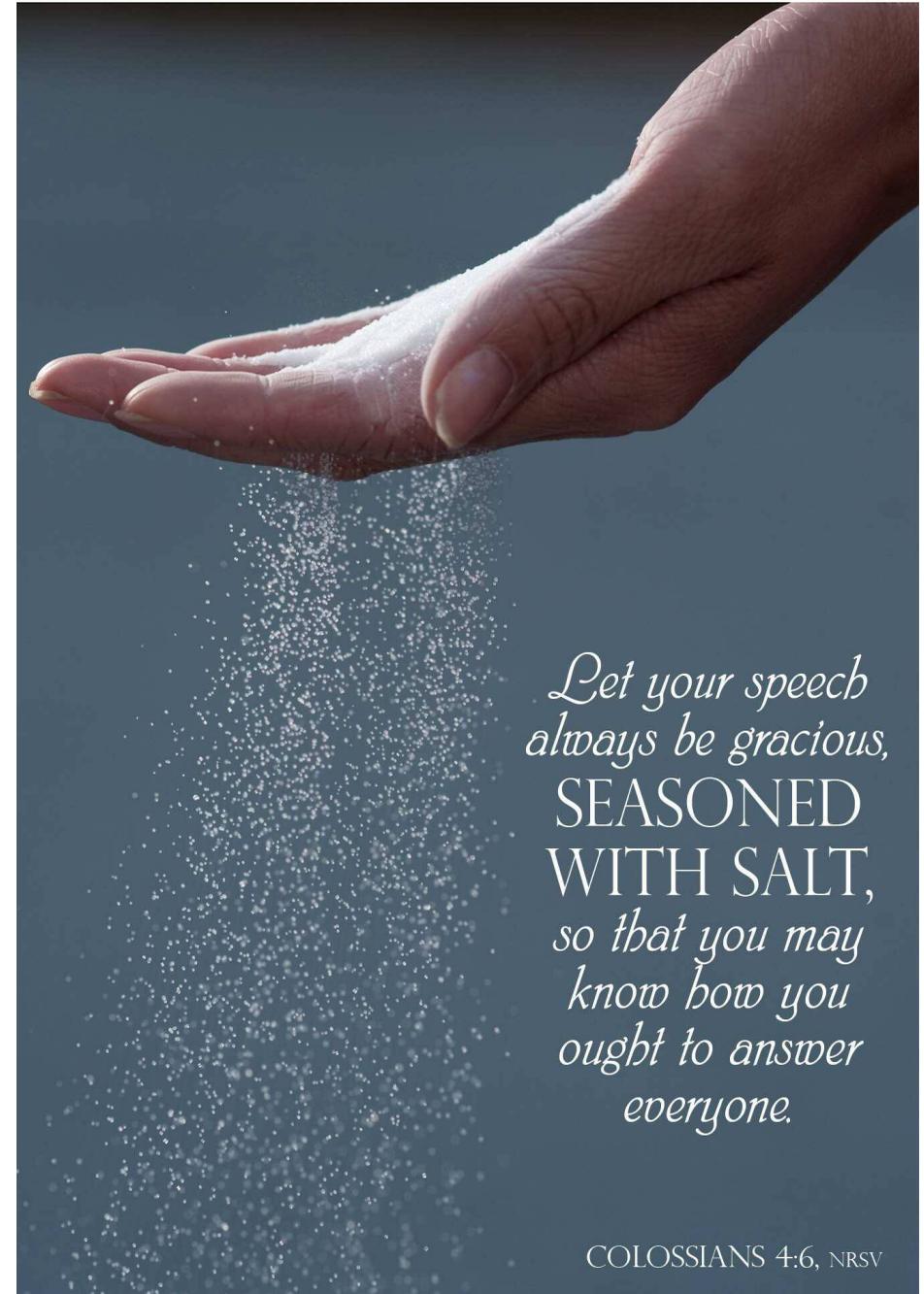
* All who are able shall stand.

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	Dick Cochrane
Ushers	Jeanne DeVirgilis, Gwynne Gilbert
Greeter	Janet Stansbury

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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*Let your speech
always be gracious,
SEASONED
WITH SALT,
so that you may
know how you
ought to answer
everyone.*

COLOSSIANS 4:6, NRSV