

# First Presbyterian Church

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

September 8, 2013

9:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

“Trumpet Tune”

Wagner

Call to Worship

Psalm 139:1-6

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue,**

**O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
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\* Hymn 464 (PH) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women  
to live and die in faith.**

**We confess that we are indifferent to your will.**

**You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.**

**You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.**

**You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.**

***In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way,  
that joined with those from ages past,  
who have served you with faith, hope and love,  
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 139:7-10

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

***If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.***

If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

***even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.***

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (OT, p. 720)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“With a Voice of Singing”

Shaw

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-33 (NT, p. 78)

Sermon: “The Cross and the Towers”

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn (see insert)

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (PH, p. 14)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering  
Offertory "Air" Young  
\* Doxology (PH 592)  
\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 525 (PH) "Here I Am, Lord"  
\* Charge and Benediction  
\* Postlude "Joyful, Joyful" arr. Hustad

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\* All who are able shall stand.  
PH Presbyterian Hymnal  
**Sing** Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

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**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Roger Griffith
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Patti Delaney
Ushers	Deb Traettino, Lee Wirth



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Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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# Welcome to 10:55 ALIVE!

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## GATHERED FOR GOD

Gathering Songs  
Words of Welcome

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\* Response (Sing 74)

***Surely it is God who saves me! I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
And God will be my Savior.***

## LISTENING FOR GOD

Prayer for Understanding

First Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (OT, p. 720)

A Time with Children

Musical Moment

“Bist du bei mir”

Bach

Solo: Susan Kelly

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The Sermon: “The Cross and the Towers”

Rev. Griffith

## RESPONDING TO GOD

\* Hymn (see insert)      “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

\* What We Believe and Want to Believe

We will be Alive to God!

***We will be Alive to Each Other!***

We will be Alive to the World’s Pain.

***We will be Alive to the Spirit’s Power.***

Prayers of Silence, Prayers in Voices, and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves

Special Music

“Air”

Young

\* Response (Sing 215)

***Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me!***

\* Prayer of Thanks

**GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

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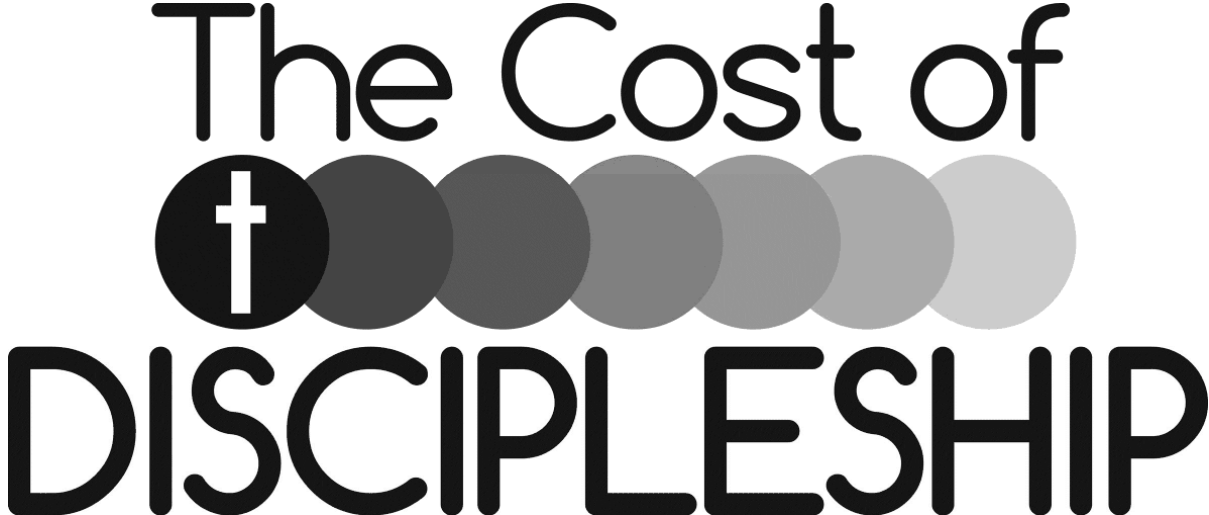
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