

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
5th Sunday in Lent

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

March 22, 2015

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Ah, Holy Jesus" arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

Blessed be the God of our salvation

who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Redeeming God,

***we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart,
and have not loved our neighbors as we ought;***

we have strayed from your commandments.

***Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities,
that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more,
through Christ our Lord.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 578 "O Lord, Have Mercy"
***O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10 (NT, p. 220)

Psalter: Psalm 51

Refrain: ***Wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whiter than snow.***

A Time with Children

Anthem "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" Spiritual, Althouse
Bill Carter, piano; Dick Cochrane, saxophone

Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Second Lesson: John 12:20-33 (NT, p. 106)

Sermon: "Falling and Flourishing"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 718 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"

arr. Hobby

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" arr.
Walther

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by JoAnn Hall to the Glory of God
and in memory her husband, Fritz Hall.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgists	Members of the Teen
Choir	
<i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders	Grace Farrell, Frank Garnecki
Ushers	Vi Dygert, Jack Pittman
Welcomer	Janet Stansbury



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Unless a grain of wheat



**falls into the earth
and dies, it remains
just a single grain;
but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.**

John 12:24

Hebrews 5:5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to

this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.