

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music (9:45)  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

“Beautiful Savior” arr. Hobby

Call to Worship from Psalm 89

We will sing forever of your steadfast love, O God;

***We will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.***

We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

***Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.***

\* Hymn 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Holy Lord, you are the God of glory.***

***We confess that we forget that your holiness is dangerous.***

***We take our impurities for granted,***

***make excuses for the sins we commit,  
and expect you to overlook the harm we cause others.***

***We do not deserve your mercy.***

***Forgive us, and return us to a right relationship with you***

***for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.***

***You made us for the purpose of praising you;***

***enliven us with the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill our calling  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response: “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” (591)

***Halle, halle, hallelujah!***

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14 (NT, p. 192)

Psalter: Psalm 89 (Hymnal 67)

A Time with Children

Special Music “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” arr.  
Schrader

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:14-29 (NT, p. 40)

Sermon: “Keeping the Preacher Locked Up” Rev. Carter

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 345 “In an Age of Twisted Values”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Honore

\* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude “Voluntary” Powell

\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Barbara Mellander and Robert Mellander to the Glory of God and in memory of husband and brother, George Mellander.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Nancy Dennen
Special Music	Jeff Leas
Welcomers	Alice and Dick Broxton
Ushers	Ginny O'Brien, Wayne Griffiths

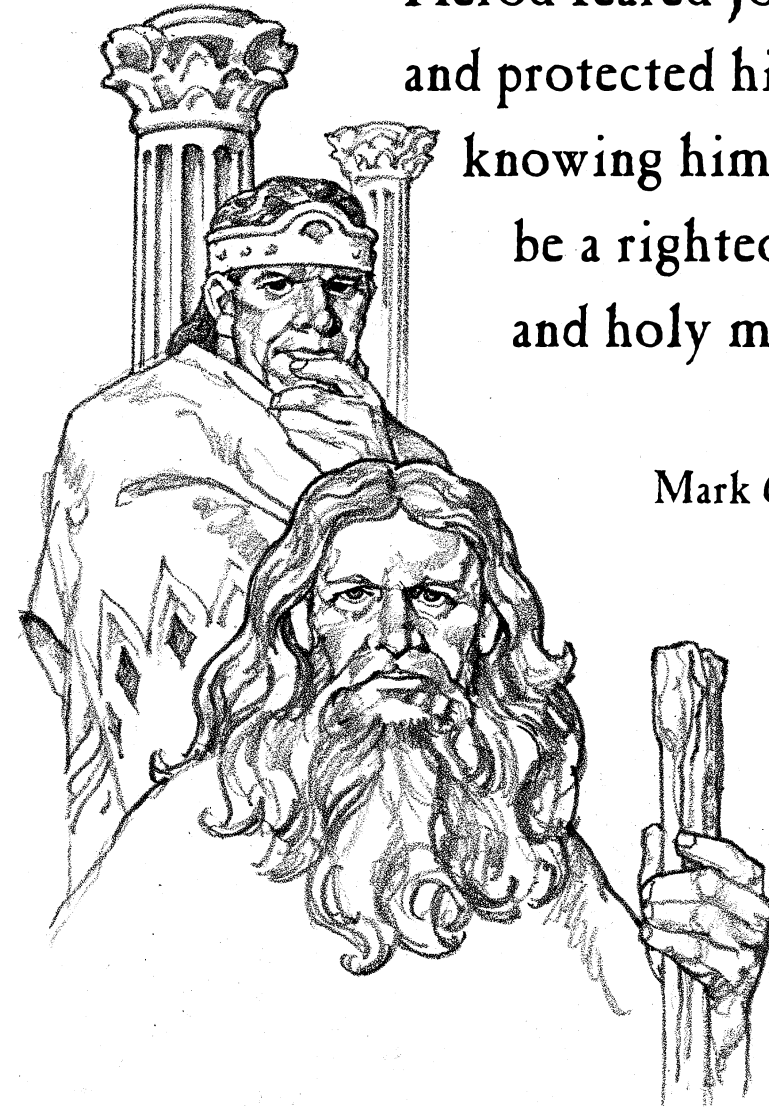


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Herod feared John  
and protected him,  
knowing him to  
be a righteous  
and holy man.

Mark 6:20



### ***Ephesians 1:3-14***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### ***Mark 6:14-29***

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.