

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45 am)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

arr. Wood

Call to Worship

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

***The Lord will speak peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.***

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,
and God's glory will dwell in our land.

* Hymn 394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you,
yet you remain constant to us.***

We run from you, but you call us back.

***In our words and our deeds we dishonor you,
yet you still profess your love for us.***

***We cut ourselves off from you and from others,
but you will not let us go.***

***Forgive our faithless and foolish ways
and increase our gratitude,***

***that we might grow in faithfulness to you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! (repeat)
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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15 (NT p. 200)

Psalter: Psalm 85 (OT, p. 543)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Gospel Lesson: Luke 11:1-13 (NT p. 72)

Sermon: "Better Than a Scorpion"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 407 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers" (to tune of 687)

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Refrain: ***Lord, listen to your people praying.*** (Hymnal 469)

Lord, send your Spirit in this place

Lord, listen to your people praying.

Send us love; send us power, send us grace.

Offering

Offertory

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Beck

* Doxology (606)

Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 485 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" arr. Hustad

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Charlotte and Jack Spory to the glory of God and in honor of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

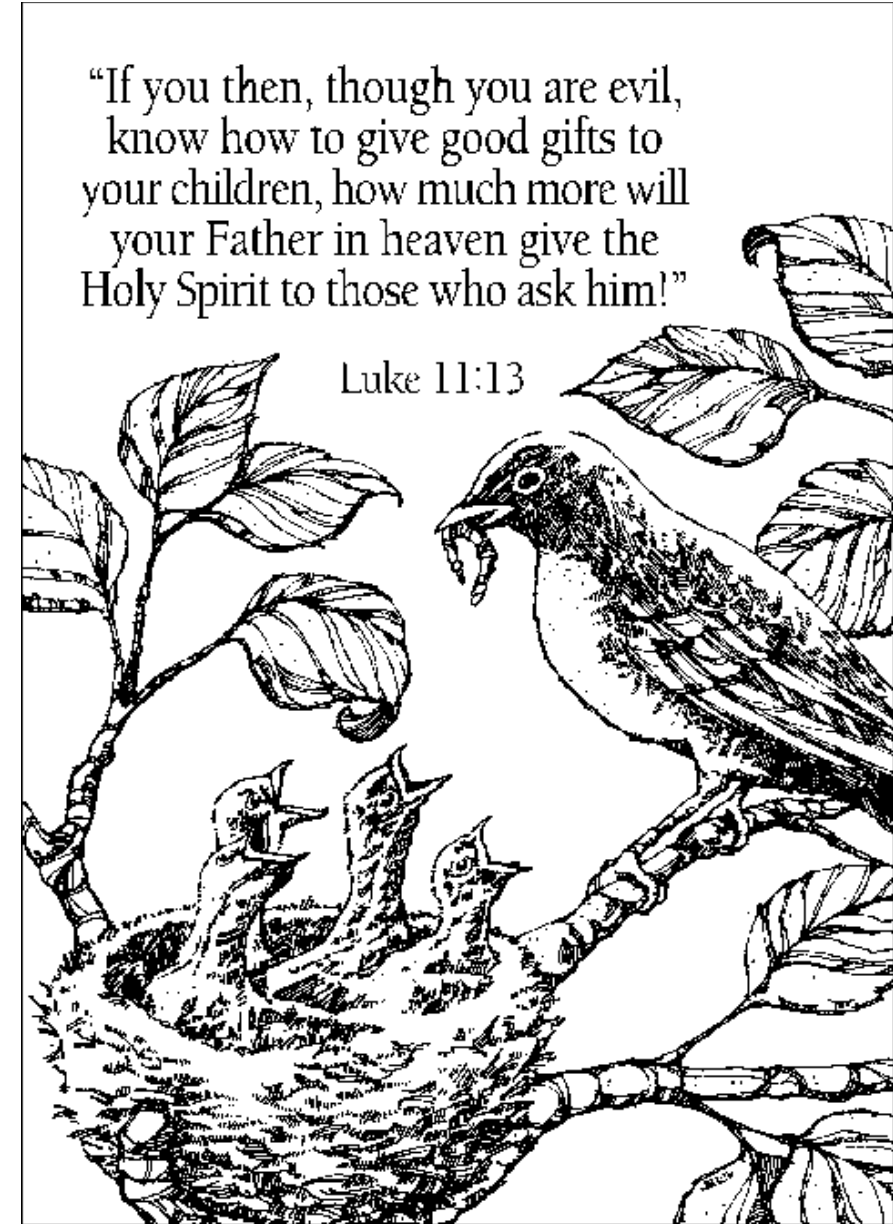
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Elaine Lavelle
Soloist	Frank Jones
Ushers	Ginny O'Brien, Andrew Taylor
Welcomers	Al and Deb Traettino



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“If you then, though you are evil,
know how to give good gifts to
your children, how much more will
your Father in heaven give the
Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:13

Colossians 2:6-15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Psalms 85

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah

You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John

taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”