

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Variations" Wagner

Call to Worship

Rejoice with me, people of God. *from Luke 15*

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

* Hymn 620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O Lord, forgive your foolish people.

We are skilled in doing evil, but we do not know how to do good.

In the folly of our hearts we live as though there is no God.

**We forget all you have done for us,
and make false idols to be our gods.**

We act faithlessly, violently, and scorn your name.

Create in us a clean heart, O God;

put a new and right spirit within us.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 598

Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NT, p. 208)

Psalter: Psalm 14 (Hymnal 335)

A Time with Children: Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Special Music "Come, Holy Spirit, Come"

Ariana Billiot and Connie Weiss; Chimes: Meg Hatch and Frank Jones

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10 (NT, p. 78)

Sermon: "Is This the Way It Is?"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Orison"

Wagner

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen 601

* Postlude "Postlude"

Wagner

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Gail Van Horn to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bob.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Coordinator for Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Jana Schillinger
Ushers	Meg Hatch, Jack Pittman
Welcomer	Janet Stansbury



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REJOICE WITH ME,
for I have found my
sheep that was lost.



Luke 15:6

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners —of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."