

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Break Forth in Joyful Song"
Alleluia Choir

Robert Leaf

Call to Worship

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

* Hymn 394 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession *from Martin Luther*

Dear Lord Jesus, I feel my sins. They bite and gnaw and terrify me. Where shall I go? I will look to you, Lord Jesus, and believe in you. Although my faith is weak, I look to you and find assurance, for you have promised, "He that believes in me shall have everlasting life." My conscience is burdened and my sins make me tremble, but you have said: "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven and I will raise you up on the last day and you shall have eternal life."

I cannot do any of this for myself. I come to you for help. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 589

Special Music

Alleluia ... Now the Lord is risen indeed!

"Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands!"

Mark Patterson

Chapel Choir

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 54:1-9 (OT, p. 684)

Psalter: Psalm 25 (Hymnal 420)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Affirmation on Faith of Our Fathers" Faber and Ringwald

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10 (NT, p. 192)

Sermon: "By Grace Alone"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 237 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" Martin Luther

* Affirmation of Faith *from Martin Luther's Shorter Catechism*

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord...

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ is true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary; and that He is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death; in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering and a Minute for Stewardship

Offertory "A Mighty Fortress" Martin Luther, arr. M. Helman
Response 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, alleluia!

***Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

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

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude "Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord!"

Text Martin Luther, arr. A. Armsdorf

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Meg Hatch to the Glory of God
and in honor of her father, Dan Hatch.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Members of the Chapel Choir
Ushers	Marsha Parrish, Ryan Flynn
Welcomer	Jack and Barbara Pittman

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For
by
GRACE
you
have
been
**saved
through faith.**

EPHESIANS 2:8, NRSV

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Isaiah 54:1-9

Sing, O barren one who did not bear; burst into song and shout, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of her that is married, says the LORD. Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left, and your descendants will possess the nations and will settle the desolate towns. Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; do not be discouraged, for you will not suffer disgrace; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the disgrace of your widowhood you will remember no more. For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

For the LORD has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the LORD, your Redeemer. This is like the days of Noah to me: Just as I swore that the waters of Noah would never again go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you and will not rebuke you.

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who

are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God —not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.