

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

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

“Psalm 19”

Marcello

Call to Worship

from Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

* Hymn 386

“Come, Worship God”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,

you call us to work for a world

where all will be fed and have dignity,

but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.

You call us to seek justice and peace,

but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.

You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,

but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,

so that all may know your justice and peace;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 584

Glory, glory, glory – glory be to God on high! (repeat)

And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased. (repeat)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-10 (OT, p. 436)

Psalter: Psalm 19 (Hymn 61)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Thy Word”

Grant/Smith

Second Lesson: Luke 4:14-21 (NT, p. 61)

Sermon: “The Preacher’s Task”

Rev. Carter

Winter sermon series: The Prophet Preacher

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 459

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“Christus, der ist mein Leben”

arr. Walther

* Doxology (607)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 63

“The Lord Is God”

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude Duo on "Azmon" arr. Helman

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God and in honor of everyone who has a birthday this week, by Briar Smith.

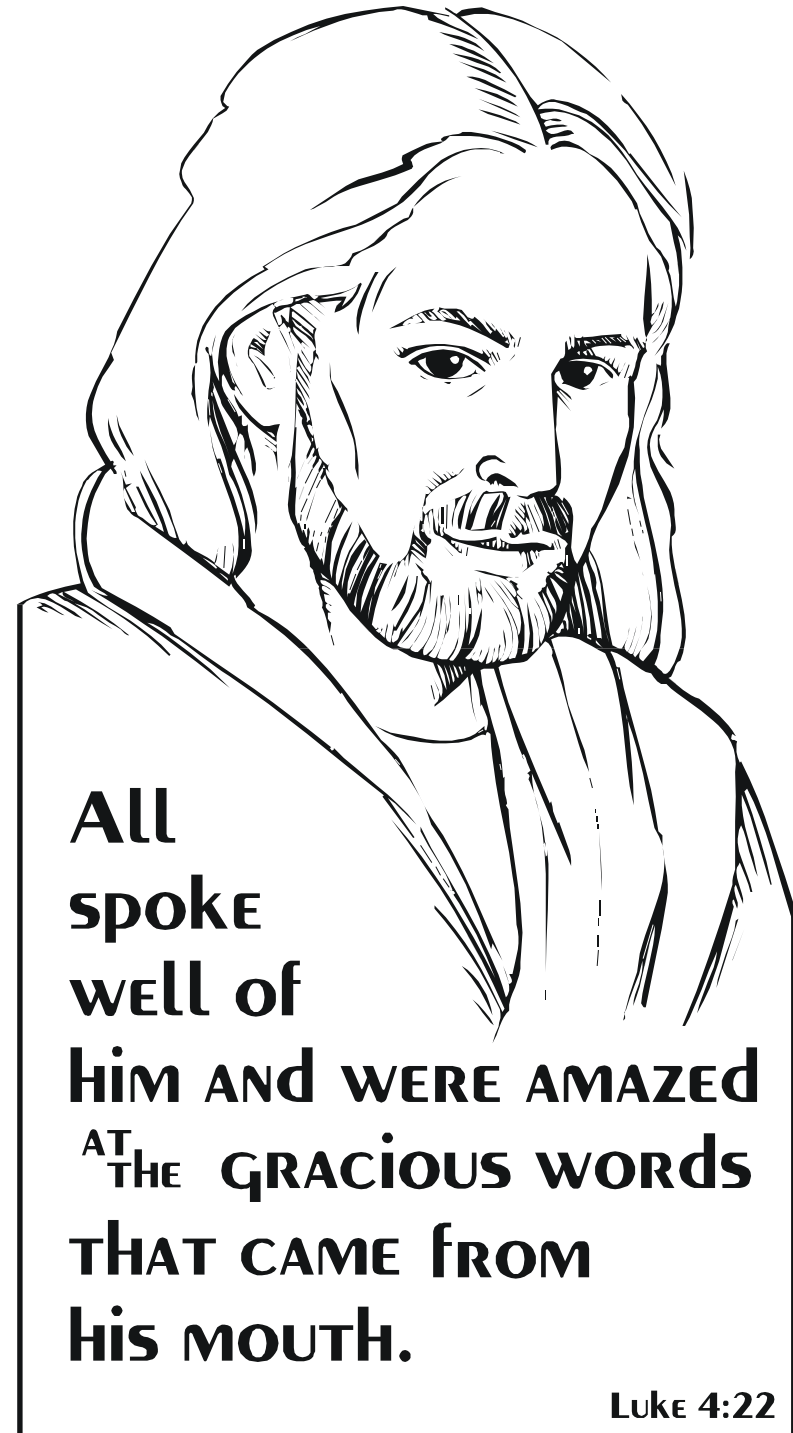
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Heather Acker
Ushers	Ryan Flynn, Hadley Gilbert
Greeter	John Conklin



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Nehemiah 8:1-10

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink

sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.