

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 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 "Prelude in E Minor"

Pachelbel

Call to Worship

1 Timothy 1:2

Grace, mercy, and peace

from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord!

And also with you.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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 and Passing of the Peace

* Response (448)

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.

Salaam! Salaam! Peace of God be with you.

Reception of New Members

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 14:25-33 (NT, p. 78)

Psalter: Psalm 139 (Hymnal 28)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Take My Life"

Mark Hayes

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:1-7 (NT, p. 207)

Sermon: "The Aim of Instruction"

Rev. Carter

Fall sermon series: "Guard the Gospel: 1 and 2 Timothy"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 432

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

* Affirmation of Faith

1 Timothy 2:5-6, 3:16

There is one God;

There is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all.

He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit,

seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles,

believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

The Sacrament of Baptism (Hymnal p. 14)

Presentation of Charlotte Anne LaCoe

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Minute for Peace and Global Witness Offering
Offering
Offertory
* Doxology (606)
* Prayer of Dedication

“Sarabande”

Zipoli

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 826 "Lift High the Cross"
* Charge and Benediction
* Congregational Response (745)

***Now go in joy to spread the Word till all people have heard.
God embraces all! Follow, then, the disciples' call:
Tend your neighbors with loving care in daily work and prayer.
God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen!***

* Postlude "Voluntary" Selby
*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.

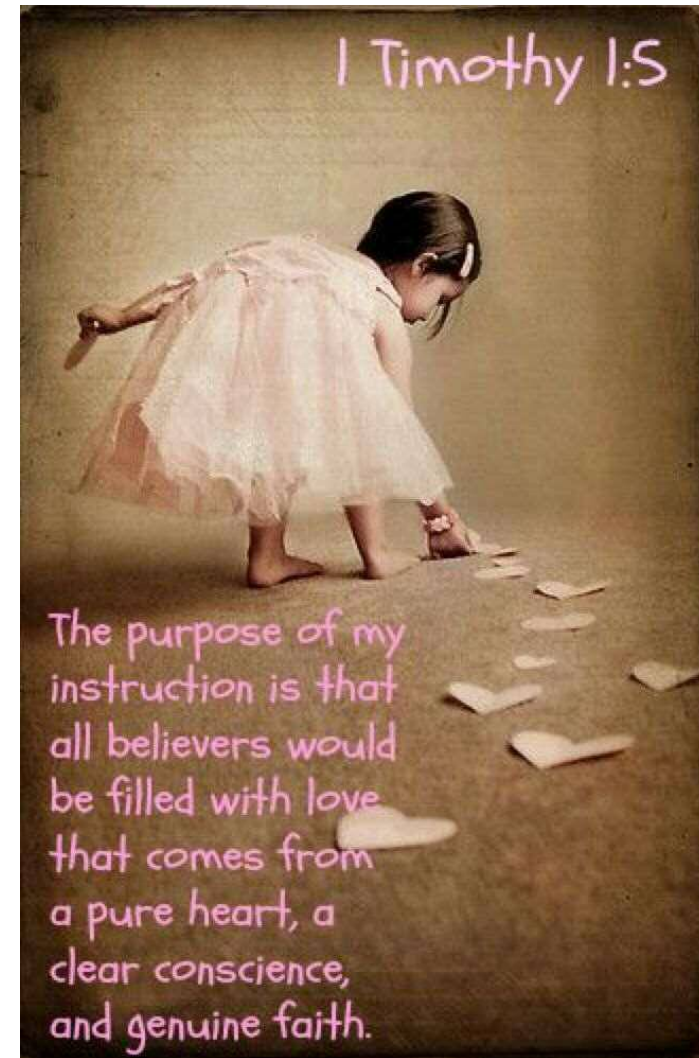
The flowers this morning have been given by Gail Van Horn to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bob.

The rose has been placed in honor of the baptism of Charlotte LaCoe.

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	Charles Pinches
Ushers	Bill Farrell
Greeters	Mick and Lee Wirth

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.



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