

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 9, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymnal 399

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "His Eye is On the Sparrow"

Call to Worship

The Lord has done marvelous things!

Teach your children all that God has done.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God,
you are our light and wonder and glory.
You are our strength and our delight;
you give us all we need to live.
Yet we are distracted by all that glitters,
continually grasping for more.
Rather than trust in your provision,
we chase after our own happiness.
Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.
Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace,
for we know that you are the source of life,
the fount of all that is good.
In the name of Jesus we pray.

* Silent Confession

arr. Utterbeck

- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Passing of the Peace
- * Gloria Patri (581)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NT, p. 204)

Psalm: Psalm 78:1-8 (OT, p. 537)

A Time with Children

Anthem "I Wanna Be Ready" Rosephanye Powell
Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13 (NT, p. 28)

Sermon: "If Only We Were Ready"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 362 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"
* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
Refrain 471 (verse one) "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Offering
Offertory "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. Utterbeck
* Doxology (606)
* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 360 "Christ Is Coming!"
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"This Little Light of Mine"

Behnke

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Jane and Dick Maurer in grateful thanks to God and in memory of our son, Richard Charles Maurer.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Rev. William G. Carter

Director of Educational Ministries

Tina Ide

Director of Music

Dr. Susan Kelly

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Kim Barrows

Musicians

Al Hamme, Connie Weiss

Joyful Noise leaders

Myrna Diven, Jack Pittman

Ushers

Debbie Traettino, Betty Keen

Welcomer

Janet Stansbury



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Psalm 78

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you. 'Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'