

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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

Take up your cross, and go the thorn way.
And if a sponge of vinegar be passed you on a spear,
Take that too. Souls are made of endurance.
God knows. - Carl Sandburg

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music and Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Plaint" Callahan

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

Lord, in your mercy, remember me.

* Hymn 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.

You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.

We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.

We doubt your love and forget to trust you.

In covenantal love, remember us and forgive us,

and be our ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 578 "O Lord, Have Mercy"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Mark 1:9-15 (NT, p. 34)

Psalter: Psalm 25:1-10 (OT, p. 502)

A Time with Children

Special Music "Were You There / There Is a Balm" arr. Adams

Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Second Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17 (OT, p. 7)

Sermon: "And If God Forgets"

Rev. Carter

Theme: Go the Thorn Way - Following Jesus in 18411

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "O Thou Who Camest from Above" arr. Kimball

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Schalk

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Betty and Don Keen to the Glory of God in honor of their family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

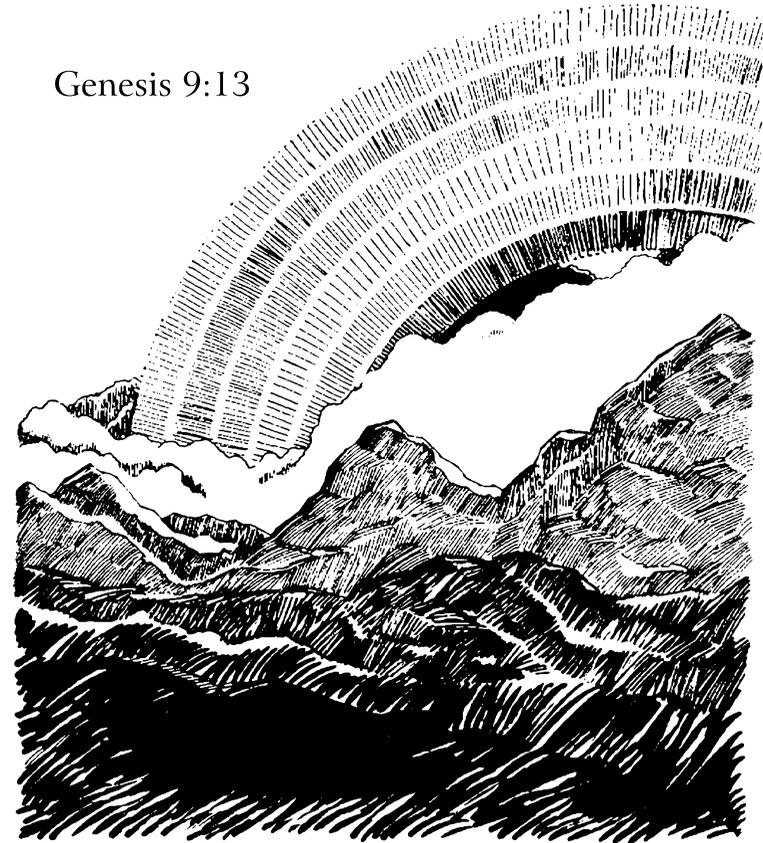
Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Flutist	Nina Daubenhauser
Liturgist	Charles Pinches
Joyful Noise Leaders	Laura Schillinger, Bill Farrell
Ushers	Marsha Parrish, Anne Deremer
Welcomer	Diane Cole



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

“I have set my rainbow in the clouds,
and it will be the sign of the covenant
between me and the earth.”

Genesis 9:13



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Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Psalms 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."