

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“Pastorale”

Wesley

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who will save us from the ways of death?

Jesus Christ our Lord; thanks be to God!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn 462

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God our redeemer,

we confess that we remain captivated by sin.

We fail in our love for you,

forgetting your gracious acts.

We fail in our love for one another,

forsaking our neighbors in need.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Let us be no longer bound by sin,

but released, restored, set free

to worship and serve you in freedom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response (Hymnal 582)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen!

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Solo

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16 (OT, p. 803)

A Time with Children

Special Music

“Cantabile”

Locatelli

Second Lesson: John 10:1-18 (NT, p. 103)

Sermon: “The Voice of the Good Shepherd”

Dr. Young

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 410 “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“Siciliano”

Bach

- * Doxology (606)
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 720 "Jesus Calls Us"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude "March Royale"

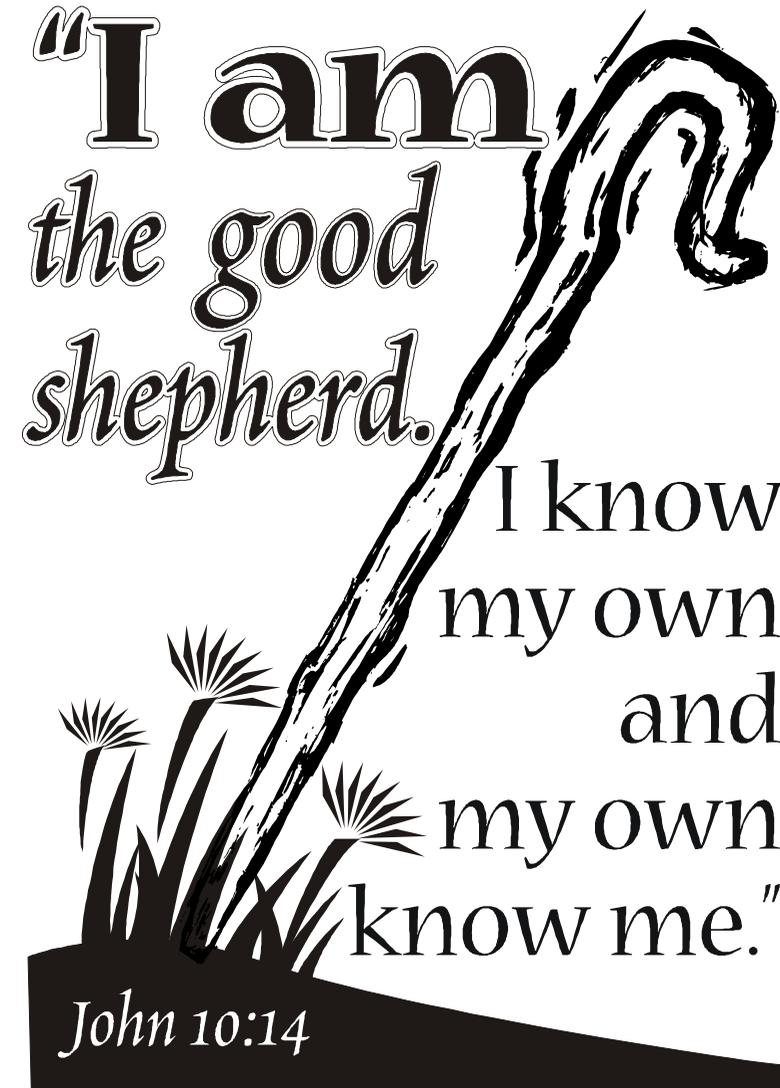
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 * All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Gay, father and grandfather, by the Shelley and David Lang and family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Dr. Robert Young
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Oboist	Tom Heinze
Vocalist	Ashley Fisher Vogel
Accompanist	Chris Vogel
Liturgist	Heather Acker
Ushers	Bill Farrell
Welcomer	Janet Stansbury



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Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

John 10:1-18

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly,

I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”