

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

Call to Worship

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,
your salvation according to your promise.

from Psalm 119

* Hymn 664 "Morning Has Broken"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

from Martin Luther

***My Lord Jesus Christ, you are indeed the Good Shepherd,
and I am a lost and straying sheep. I have fear and anxiety.***

***I would gladly belong to your flock and be with you
and have peace in my heart.***

***I hear from your Word that you are as anxious for me
as I am for you.***

I am eager to know how I can come to you to be helped.

Come to me, O Lord. Seek me and find me.

Help me also to come to you

and I will praise you and honor you forever. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 589 ***Alleluia ... Now the Lord is risen indeed!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Ezra 8:1-3, 8-13 (OT, p. 436)

Psalter: Psalm 119 (Hymnal 64)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-13 (NT, p. 220)

Sermon: "By Scripture Alone"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 459 "O Word of God Incarnate"

* Affirmation of Faith *from Martin Luther's Shorter Catechism*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them; that He richly and daily provides me with food and clothing, home and family, property and goods, and all that I need to support this body and life; that He protects me from all danger, guards and keeps me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for Stewardship

Offering / Offertory

* Response 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 838

"Standing on the Promises"

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude

 * All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Susan and Bill Fulton to the glory of God and in honor of all who are celebrating birthdays in October.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Guest Organist	Molly Gladfelter
Liturgist	Meg Hatch
Ushers	Marsha Parrish
Welcomers	Lee and Mick Wirth



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Ezra 8:1-3, 8-13

These are their family heads, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylonia, in the reign of King Artaxerxes: Of the descendants of Phinehas, Gershom. Of Ithamar, Daniel. Of David, Hattush, of the descendants of Shecaniah. Of Parosh, Zechariah, with whom were registered one hundred fifty males. Of the descendants of Shephatiah, Zebadiah son of Michael, and with him eighty males. Of the descendants of Joab, Obadiah son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred eighteen males. Of the descendants of Bani, Shelomith son of Josiphiah, and with him one hundred sixty males. Of the descendants of Bebai, Zechariah son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight males. Of the descendants of Azgad, Johanan son of Hakkatan, and with him one hundred ten males. Of the descendants of Adonikam, those who came later, their names being Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah, and with them sixty males.

Hebrews 4:12-13

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.