

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

“In Thee is Gladness”

arr Lasky

Call to Worship

Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.

We are one in the Spirit.

We come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.

We are one in the Lord.

* Hymn 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (responsively)

Merciful God, for all the things we have done that we regret,

Forgive us;

For all the good deeds that we have neglected to do,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have acted without love,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have acted without thought,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have withheld care,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have failed to forgive,

Forgive us;

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,

**God of all time, forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 587

"Alleluia!"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14 (NT, p. 24)

Psalter: Psalm 16 (OT, p. 495)

A Time with Children

Special Music

“Precious Lord”

arr. Schrader

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17 (NT, p. 201)

Sermon: “Crash Test”

Ms. Zeigler

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 693

“Though I May Speak”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Best

* Doxology (609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Lasky

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Diane and Jack Scheuer to the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter, Ella Scheuer.

Please welcome to the pulpit this morning Margaret Zeigler, who worked as both a newspaper editor and middle-school teacher before coming to the presbytery office as administrative coordinator and stated clerk almost 10 years ago. Marge and her husband, Jim, have three grown sons and live in Wyoming, PA, where they are members of the First United Presbyterian Church of West Pittston at Wyoming and where she serves on session and acts as coordinator of congregational life. Marge became a Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) three years ago "because it is another way of getting to know all the wonderful people" she works within the Lackawanna Presbytery.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Guest Preacher | Margaret Zeigler |
| Special Music | Jeff Leas |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Liturgist | Wayne Griffiths |
| Trumpeter | Jeff Leas |



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.



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