

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

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

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

"Paean"

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Call to Worship

Trust in the Lord and do good;  
**so you will live in the land and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord,  
**and God will give you the desires of your heart.**

from Psalm 37

\* Hymn 436      "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"  
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God,**  
**you call us to work for a world**  
**where all will be fed and have dignity,**  
**but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.**

**You call us to seek justice and peace,**  
**but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.**

**You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,**  
**but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,**  
**so that all may know your justice and peace;**  
**through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response 584

**Glory, glory, glory – glory be to God on high! (repeat)**  
**And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased. (repeat)**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (OT, p. 42)

Psalter: Psalm 37:1-11 (Hymnal 706)

A Time with Children

Anthem                  "Old Time Hallelujah Religion"

Traditional

Second Lesson: Luke 6:27-38 (NT, p. 64)

Sermon: "The Preacher's Risk"

*Winter sermon series: The Prophet Preacher*

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 623                  "I've Got Peace Like a River"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory                  "Aria Cantabile"

Beethoven

\* Doxology (607)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 700                  "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Amen (601)

\* Postlude

"Trumpet Tune"

Young

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.  
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning have been given in appreciation and thanks to the First Presbyterian Church, by Sadie O'Brien, Sadie Gilbert, Marli Tinkelman, Gigi Butala, Madeleine Walsh, Amelia Gonzalez, and Siena Bossie, all members of Abington Heights Middle School "Odyssey of the Mind" Team B, for the opportunity to use practice space at the church for their next competition.

#### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor

Rev. William G. Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Director of Bell Choir

Richard Cochrane

Liturgist

Allyson Taylor

Ushers

Ginny O'Brien, Peter Moore

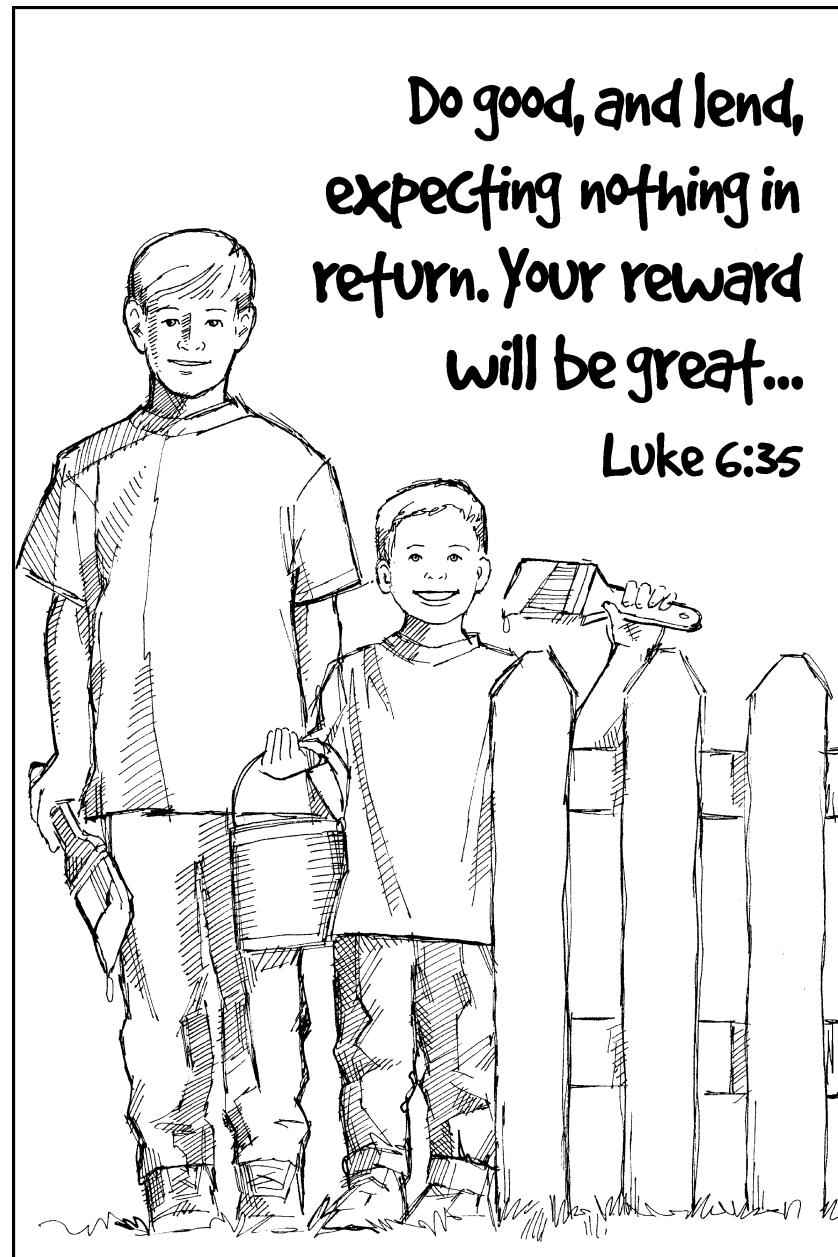
Greeters

Fred Campbell



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### **Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

### **Luke 6:27-38**

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you;

and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you." If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."