

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2013

9:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 1:1-3, 6

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They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

***For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.***

* Hymn 473 (PH) “For the Beauty of the Earth”
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
your face is hidden from us by our sins,
and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts.
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires.
With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.***

- * Silent Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Passing of the Peace
- * Gloria Patri (PH 579)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NT, p. 208)

Psalter: Psalm 14 (OT, p. 495)

A Time with Children

Anthem “Sing Me to Heaven” Daniel Gawthrop
Wilkes University Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Steven Thomas

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10 (NT, p. 78)

Sermon: “The Saying Is Sure and Worthy” Rev. Griffith

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 138 (PH) “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Peacemaking

Offering

Offertory “Sicut Cervus” Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Wilkes University Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Steven Thomas

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 540 (PH) “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.
PH Presbyterian Hymnal
Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Temporary Supply Pastor	Roger Griffith
Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Susan Kelly
Ushers	Deb Traettino, Lee Wirth



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There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Luke 15:1-10

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until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Welcome to 10:55 ALIVE!

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GATHERED FOR GOD

Gathering Songs
Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (Sing 74)

Surely it is God who saves me! I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

And God will be my Savior.

LISTENING FOR GOD

Prayer for Understanding

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NT, p. 208)

A Time with Children

Musical Moment

"With a Voice of Singing"

Shaw

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10 (NT, p. 78)

The Sermon: "The Saying is Sure and Worthy"

Rev. Griffith

RESPONDING TO GOD

* Hymn 138 (PH) "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

* What We Believe and Want to Believe

We will be Alive to God!

We will be Alive to Each Other!

We will be Alive to the World's Pain.

We will be Alive to the Spirit's Power.

Prayers of Silence, Prayers in Voices, and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Peacemaking

Offering Ourselves
Special Music

* Response (Sing 215)

***Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me!***

* Prayer of Thanks

GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING

* Hymn 540 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

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The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God in memory of Bob Van Horn, husband and father, by Gail and their children.

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**The
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