

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2013

9:00 and 10:55 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

“Prelude and Fugue in C Major”

Bach

Call to Worship

Come, saints and sinners! The Lord shall greet us.

***Come, saints and sinners! Be changed by Christ's grace.***

Lost or found, we enter God's sanctuary.

***Here is the place where God takes us in.***

\* Hymn 8 (Sing)

“Gather Us In”

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God,***

***we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart.***

***We have failed to be your obedient people.***

***We have not done your will,***

***we have broken your law,***

***we have rebelled against your love.***

***We have not loved our neighbors,***

***and refused to hear the cry of the needy.***

***Forgive us, we pray.***

***Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* 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.***

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Joel 2:23-32 (OT, p. 848)

Psalter: Psalm 65 (see insert: “Every Heart Its Tribute Pays”)

A Time with Children

Anthem 9:00

“Be Still and Know That I am God”

Bedford

10:55

“God You Enfold Me”

Caccini; adapt. Hopson

Second Lesson: Luke 18:9-14 (NT, p. 81)

Sermon: “Close to the Ground”

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 414 (PH)

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory

“Siciliana”

Handel

\* Doxology (PH 592)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 260 (PH) "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"  
\* Charge and Benediction  
\* Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Leavitt

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

**The flowers** this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ella Scheuer by her family, Diane, Jack, Kristian, and Brad.

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

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Kathleen Shedlock
Ushers	Brian Schillinger, Wayne Griffiths (9:00) Ginny O'Brien, Bill Farrell (10:55)
Welcomers	Lorraine Daniels (9:00) Sandra and Steuart Bailey (10:55)

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### ***Joel 2:23-32***

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

### ***Luke 18:9-14***

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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