

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
National Donor Sabbath Day

November 17, 2013

9:00 and 10:55 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Hobby

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:2

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and will not be afraid.

For the Lord God is my strength and my might;

God has become my salvation.

* Hymn 559 (PH)

“We Gather Together”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change.

Open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more in your likeness and image;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25 (OT, p. 696)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

arr. Barbara Kinyon

Second Lesson: John 15:12-17 (NT, p. 109)

Sermon: “What Friends Will Do For One Another”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 391 (PH)

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

arr. Smith

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 552 (PH)

“Give Thanks, O Christian People”

* Tolling of the Bell

The bell will toll eighteen times, signifying the number of people in our country who die each day while waiting for an organ transplant.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

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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

- in memory of Anna Marsh by her family; and
- by Diane, Jack, Kristian and Brad Scheuer in memory of Diane's brother, Barry Carnahan, and in honor of National Donor Sabbath Day.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Bells	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Connie Weiss
Ushers	Vi Dygert, Wayne Griffiths (9:00) Alice Broxton, Dick Broxton (10:55)



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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*Like the Days
of a Tree Shall
the Days of My
People Be....*

Isaiah 65:22

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

John 15:12-17

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.