First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music (9:45 a.m.) Concerns of the Church Prelude

Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 385 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

- * Silent Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (581)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (OT, p. 106)

Psalter: Psalm 119:33-40 (OT, p. 567)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Love Never Fails" Redford

Second Lesson: Matthew 5:38-48 (NT, p. 5)

Sermon: "Loving the People We Hate" Rev. Carter and friends

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
- * Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

Offering Offertory

- * Doxology (606)
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 300
- "We Are One in the Spirit"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.

Hymns (and page numbers) are found in **Glory to God.**

The flowers this morning have been given by Don and Betty Keen to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don's parents, Don and Edith Keen.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor
Directory of Educational Ministries
Director of Music
Organist
Liturgist
Ushers
Lee Wirth, Deb Traettino, Karen White,
Ginny O'Brien
Welcomers
William Carter
William Carter
Tina Ide
Susan Kelly
Kay Ten Eyck
Alan Baker
Ginny O'Brien
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Sandra and Steuart Bailey



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He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

MATTHEW 5:45

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

Matthew 5:38-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

We welcome visitors to our worship service and hope you make your presence known! Please sign the friendship pad in your pew. The visitors' packets in the lobby offer helpful information on the life and work of this church.

We welcome young children to our worship service. In addition to provid-ing activities for your child in the worship bags located in the Narthex we have a fully-staffed nursery available during worship in room 208. Please speak with an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery or worship bags.

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn. **Please pray for:** our many Haitian friends; church officers, staff and Stephen Ministers; Bill, Alicen, Wendy, Linda, Tammi, Louise, Jessie, Cindy, Chuck, Steuart, Ron, Russ, Jean, Ally S., Lynne, Erica, Kaitlyn, Kevin, James, Kim, Ann, Rebecca, Lois, Casey, Naomi, Susan, Sandy, Angie, military personnel.



Mardi Gras Jazz Communion with the Presbybop Dixieland Sextet

First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit, PA Sunday, March 2, 2014—10:00 a.m.

Join us for a festive worship celebration on the Sunday before Lent begins. We are welcoming notable musicians from the area to chase away the blues of winter with lively music.

Our guests include Jeff Leas on trumpet, Al Hamme on clarinet, Ron Leas on trombone, Tony Marino on bass, Tyler Dempsey on drums, and "Jelly Roll" Carter on piano.

Invite your friends! Bring your neighbors! All are welcome at the Church on the Hill.

Wednesday is March 5. It will be a special evening for the WAY Program, open to all. Join us for a simple meal at 5:45 p.m., special learning programs for kids and adults at 6:15, and an Ash Wednesday worship service for all ages in the sanctuary from 7:00 until 7:30.

Want to make a difference in the world? Here are things you can do:

- **Donate gently-used winter clothing** to St. Francis soup kitchen. Place them in the box in our Fellowship Hall and they will be delivered.
- Make a donation to the devastated storm victims in the Philippines. Give through a check to our church (notating "Philippines"), donate online at www.presbyterianmission.org, or send a text "PDA" to 20222 to donate \$10.
- **Provide Sunday night dinner** for the Bethel AME Homeless Shelter. Additional dates are available. Please contact the church office (570-586-6306) for details.
- Bethel AME also has an increased need for supplies. We can help by donating:
 Coffee, cream and sugar, dry snacks, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, and especially blankets. There is a box in the Narthax where you may leave your gift. Items will be delivered to the shelter.

The Ice Festival results are in . . .

Northeast Photography Ice Festival Art Exhibit which is a Juried Show, was judged by Dave Porter, Church Member and Art Professor at Keystone College. **AND THE WINNERS ARE:** Best of Show: David Cohen; 1st Prize Marty Straub; 2nd Prize Dick Broxton: Honorable Mention - Mike Carey.

The winners of the Chili contest: 1st Prize Linda Weaver; 2nd Prize Ed Cole.

We're collecting addresses of college students for a mailing. If you have a family member in college, please contact the church office with mailing information.

"The WAY" Wednesday education program for all ages meets each week with light

supper at 5:45 and classes at 6:15 p.m. Please let us know if you are planning to come for the meal. Adults will choose between:

- "Joy in a Prison Cell: A Study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians" led by Rev. Carter in room 210.
- Faith and Film: The Rev. Virginia Miner will share a film with us. This group will gather in room 206.

There are openings in the flower calendar for March. If you would like to honor someone by placing an arrangement in the sanctuary for Sunday worship, please sign up. The calendar is on the bulletin board by the pastor's office.

There are many winter hats and scarves on the shelf outside of the sanctuary. Please claim anything that is yours. The rest will be donated after February 28.

This Week at a Glance

Today		
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
Manday Fahruam 24		
Monday, February 24		
7:00 AM	AA	Room 210
12:00 & 6 PM	Weight Watchers	Room 103
Tuesday, February 25		
10:00	MBK Quilts	Room 105
7:00 PM	Deacons	Room 206
7:30	Big Book Group	Room 103
Wednesday, February 26		
10:00	Prayer & Share	Room 209
5:00	Chapel Choir	Room 102
5:45	Light supper	Fellowship Hall
6:15	"The Way" Educational Program	
7:15	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
8:30	Teen Choir	Sanctuary
8:30	Bell Choir	Room 105

Saturday, March 1

10:00 Janson Lectureship: Fellowship Hall Befriending the Old Testament

Sunday, March 2

10:00 *Mardi Gras* Jazz Communion Sanctuary