

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "This Is My Father's World"

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. Adams
Jeff Leas, trumpet

Call to Worship from Psalm 119

I will keep your Word continually, forever and ever.

I shall walk at liberty for I have sought your teachings.

I find my delight in your commandments, because I love them.

Let your mercy come to me, that I may live.

* 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

Holy God,

your law shows the way of righteousness,

but we forsake your commandments.

We have not provided for the poor

nor aided those with differing abilities.

We have been untruthful in our daily business;

and unjust in our judgment of others.

We have sought vengeance against our enemies;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us our sins and stir us to sincere repentance.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,

free us to live as your holy people with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- * Silent Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Passing of the Peace
- * Response 583

"Glory to God"

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!
Glory to God! Glory to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Special Music

"Cantar!"
Alleluia Choir

Althouse

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

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

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Love Grows Here"

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

Sermon: "Why Not Curse the Deaf?"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 754 "Help Us Accept Each Other" (sung to 321)

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Air"
Jeff Leas, trumpet

Young

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (Hymnal 601)
- * Postlude "Allegretto" Purcell

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

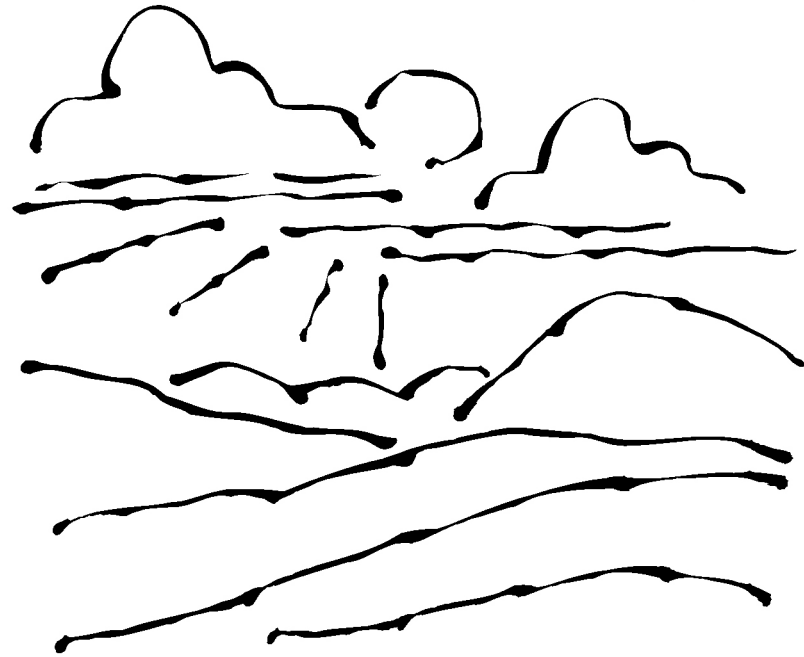
Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
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Leviticus 19:2, NRSV



*You shall be holy,
for I the LORD
your God am holy.*



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.

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.

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.