

First Presbyterian Church

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

November 19, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. Smith & Hustad
Beverly Bright, piano, Kay Ten Eyck, organ

Call to Worship

Ps. 90:1, 2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

you have been our home throughout all the ages.

You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

* Hymn 37 "Let All Things Now Living"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Ps. 9:1, 8

Loving God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

by not honoring you or one another.

When we place our iniquities before you,

it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.

As we stand in awe of your constancy for us,

we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 589 ***Alleluia ... Now the Lord is risen indeed!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (OT, p. 874)

Psalter: Psalm 90 (Hymn 687)

A Time with Children

Special Music "Jefferson" Southern Harmony/arr. P. Hurlbutt

Second Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30 (NT, p. 28)

Sermon: "Use It or Lose It"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "For the Fruit of All Creation"

arr. Stoldt

* Response 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Kerr

All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.

If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anna Marsh by her family.

The communion table has been dressed as a Thanksgiving table to express our gratitude at God's abundance.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Dick Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Peter Moore
Ushers	John Diven, Ryan Flynn
Welcomers	Sandra and Steuart Bailey



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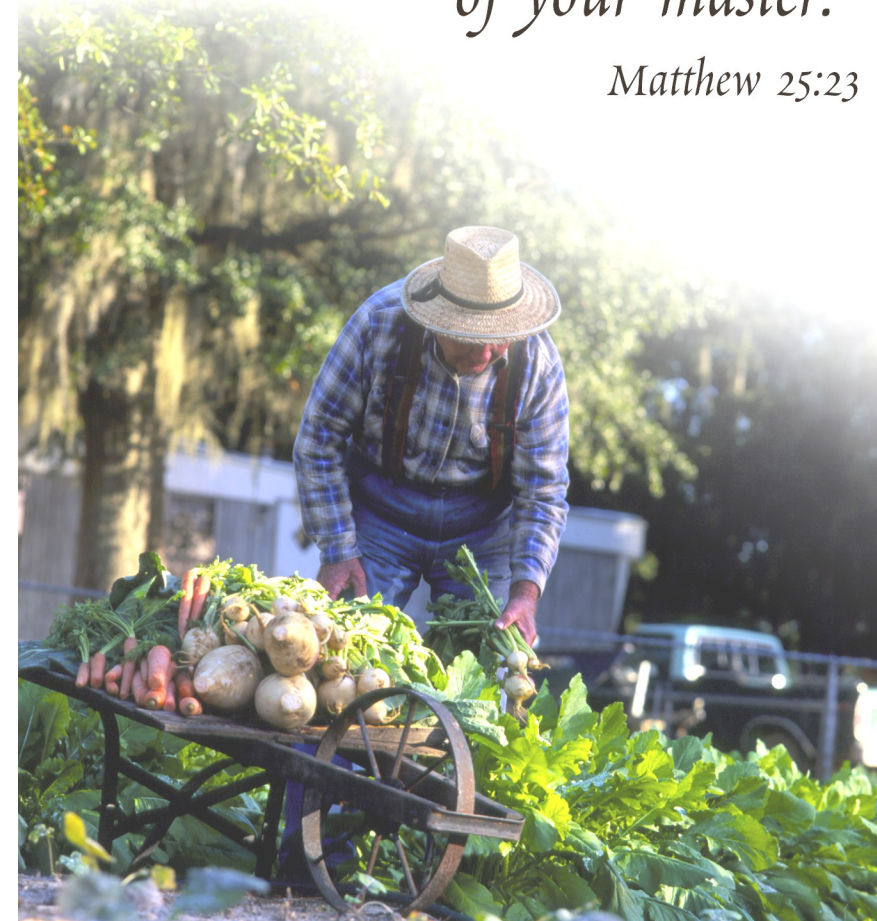
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*“You have been trustworthy...
I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy
of your master.”*

Matthew 25:23



Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made

two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'