

# First Presbyterian Church

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

January 28, 2018

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Wood

Call to Worship

Ps. 111

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

***Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

***Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

\* Hymn 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits,  
comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces,  
we confess that we are unable to do your will.***

***We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown.***

***We admire those with courage***

***but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth.***

***We forget that you are always with us,  
and that with you all things are possible.***

***Forgive us, lead us, make us new.***

***Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way;  
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Amen.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response 447

"We Are Forgiven"

***We are forgiven! We are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God.***

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Mark 1:21-28 (NT, p. 35)

Psalmist: Psalm 111 (Hymnal 755)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (NT, p. 171)

Sermon: "On Not Wounding a Weak Conscience"

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 316

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

\* 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. Lovelace

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 662

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Amen (601)

\* Postlude

“Postlude”

Powell

*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

- by John Conklin in honor of members of our choir, and
- by Char Lyon in appreciation for her family and friends who make her heart sing.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Pastor                            | Rev. William G. Carter          |
| Coordinator of Children and Youth | Jana Schillinger                |
| Director of Music                 | Frank Jones                     |
| Organist                          | Kay Ten Eyck                    |
| Liturgist                         | Laura Moore                     |
| Ushers                            | Gayle Hamilton, Sara Ann Hosier |



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There is  
One  
**God,**  
the Father,  
from  
whom  
are all things  
and for  
**Whom**  
we exist.

1 Corinthians 8:6

## **Mark 1:21-28**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

## **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are

no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.