

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church and Minute for Peacemaking

Prelude "Prelude in Classic Style" Young

Call to Worship Psalm 111:9-10

God sent redemption to his people.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

***All those who practice it have a good understanding,
and God's praise endures forever.***

* Hymn 10 "Sing Glory to the Name of God"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, source of all wisdom, forgive us for our foolishness.

We speak and live as if you do not exist,

and create chaos out of a twisted sense of our self-importance.

We live only for today and indulge our boundless appetites,

and take no thought for the effects of what we plunder.

We speak whatever word passes over our tongues,

revealing the cruelty of our hearts

and the emptiness of our thoughts.

Have mercy on us, wise God.

Forgive us in the name of Jesus,

for his self-giving love is the power of God,

and his weakness is stronger than human strength.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 598

"Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God!"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:3-15 (OT, p. 305)

Psalter: Psalm 53 (OT, p. 521)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Be Thou My Vision" Basler

Epistle Lesson: James 1:5-7 (NT, p. 228)

Sermon: "If Anybody is Lacking"

Fall Sermon Series: "A Word to the Wise"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for Worship through Service (September 22-23)

Offering

Offertory

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr. Kerr

* Doxology (607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen!

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude "Festive Trumpet Tune" German

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Gail Van Horn to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bob.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pastor | Rev. William G. Carter |
| Coordinator of Children and Youth | Jana Schillinger |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Liturgist | Jack Pittman |
| Greeter | John Conklin |
| Ushers | Steve Selige and Donna Porter |



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PSALM 111:10