

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church
Prelude
Call to Worship

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 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"
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!"

Reception of New Members

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: James 2:1-8 (NT, p. 229)

Psalter: Psalm 49 (Responsive Reading, OT, p. 518)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Bonse Aba" arr. Andrew Fischer
Translation: *All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.*

Second Lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33 (OT, p. 584)

Sermon: "What Makes the Lady Laugh" Rev. Carter
Fall Sermon Series: "A Word to the Wise"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 174 "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for Peacemaking

Offering

Offertory "Verbum Caro Factum Est" Anon. 16th-century Spanish

Translation: *The Word is made flesh for the salvation of you all.*

And the Virgin said unto him:

"Life of my life, what would I not do for you, my Son?

Yet I have nothing on which to lay you down."

*Oh, worldly riches! Will you not give some swaddling clothes to Jesus,
who is born among the animals, as you can see?*

* Doxology (609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

*Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, one. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!*

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter C. Lutkin
- * Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God by Janet Stansbury in memory of loved ones.

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	Melba Fialko
Ushers	Steve Selige
Greeters	Janet Stansbury

The Wilkes University Chamber Singers is the University's select vocal ensemble. It is open to any student member of the Wilkes University Chorus, by audition. The ensemble includes students from a variety of majors, including biology, communications, computer science, education, engineering, pharmacy, neuroscience, sports management and nursing. Directed by Dr. Steven Thomas they perform a wide range of a capella repertoire, from Renaissance to contemporary, and have been coming to sing at First Presbyterian every fall since 2005.



HAS not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

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