

# First Presbyterian Church

Service of Commissioning  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 767  
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" arr. Page  
*Alleluia & Chapel Choirs*

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 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"  
*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

Psalter: Psalm 1

Response: *"Happy are they who delight, who delight in the law of the Lord"*

Scripture Lesson: James 2:14-18 (NT, p. 230)

Words of Commissioning: "Faith + Works = Living"

Rev. Carter

*Fall Sermon Series: "A Word to the Wise"*

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem

"Spirit, Sing Through Me"

McDonald/Frombach

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

\* Benediction

\* Congregational Amen 601

\* Postlude "The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound"

arr. Wood

*All are invited to make their offering at the door as they depart today.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

***The flowers*** this morning have been given by the Schillinger family to the glory of God and in honor of Laura and Peter Moore in celebration of their first wedding anniversary.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Coordinator for Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Kim Barrows
Ushers	Steve Selige and Gwynne Gilbert
Greeter	Lee Wirth



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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