

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2018

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "We Come to the Hungry Feast" Cherwien

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 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:38-50 (NT, p. 45)

Time with Children

Anthem "The Lord of the Earth" Romero

Epistle Lesson: James 3:13-17 (NT, p. 230)

Sermon: "Those Who Make Peace" Rev. Carter

Fall Sermon Series: "A Word to the Wise"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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

Minute for Peacemaking Diane Scheuer

Offering

Offertory "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" Cherwien

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

As the bread and cup are served, we will sing hymn 317 and 529. Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 765 "May the God of Hope Go With Us"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude

“Fugue”

Handel

*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 Nancy Owens in loving memory of Steve Owens on our 40th wedding anniversary, and in honor of our children and grandchildren.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Guest Organist	Nancy Post
Liturgist	John Weiss
Ushers	Betty Keen and Gwynne Gilbert
Greeter	Steuart Bailey



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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