

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
January 29, 2017
Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 15)

O Lord, you may abide in your tent?

Those who speak the truth from their heart,

Those who stand by their oath even to their detriment,
who do not lend money at interest, or take bribes,

They who do these things shall never be moved.

*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" 339

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, we seek your compassion as we confess our sin. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we do not know your law. Our allegiance is divided by our many obligations. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our lives, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve.

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Minister

*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING Micah 6:1-8

HYMN "Seek Ye First" 333

SECOND READING Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON "Blessed Are You" Rev. Janell Blair

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Study Catechism (PCUSA)

Q: What is God's purpose for your life?

A: God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Q: How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

A: I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

Q: How do you live for the love of God?

A: I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

* HYMN "Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples" 434

POSTLUDE

Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to *stand

Welcome: To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Announcements: 2017 Flower and Cookie lists on volunteer counter.

Birthdays: January 29 – Ethel Marsh, February 2 – Christine Nicholas.

Anniversaries: No anniversaries this week.

Flowers: Flowers were purchased this week by Carroll and Rosa Pace in honor of their granddaughter, Augusta Anderson's birthday.

Refreshments: _____, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

Newsletter: *Deadline to submit articles and information for February newsletter is **December 21, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.*

Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492

Pianist: Marilyn Pearce

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing
10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule **Session** – Session/Budget meeting –
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship February 19, 2017.

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