



## CALL TO CONFESSION

The way of Jesus is not always easy. Too often bitterness and failure is the reward of faithfulness. And when we face that defeat and failure, too often our response is to turn away from the road Jesus has called us to walk, or to simply sit down by the side of the road, letting Christ's mercy pass us by. Let us confess our sin before God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**“Put on the whole armor of God!” Paul cries. We, however, have chinks in our armor, and many of them are our bad motives. How often we have thought, “We will be faithful, we will be righteous,” only to realize that before your faithfulness, Lord, your righteousness, none of us can stand? Forgive us for falling short of your purpose for us. Forgive us and repair the chinks in our armor so we can again wear the breastplate of righteousness and the sandals of peace, and carry the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit.**

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

KYRIE No. 578

*O Lord, Have Mercy*

ORE PROIAJU VEREKO

***O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, have mercy; O Christ have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.***

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE – No. 581

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.***

***Amen.***

\*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Mary Fisk

*The congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward*

***Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.***

***Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.***

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!***

***Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

## COMMISSIONING OF 2015-2016 CHURCH SCHOOL

### THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of glory, the end of our searching, as we hear your word proclaimed, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to knowing you better, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

FIRST READING – *Ephesians 6:10-20*

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING – *John 6:56-69*

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The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to you O Christ.**

SERMON

“Hard to Swallow”

Rev. Dr. Charles R. Traylor

### THE RESPONSE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles’ Creed*

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

COMMISSIONING PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jessica Bauer

Jeni Howard

Chris Junker

Pam Lay

Dale Behrens

Richard Johnson

Rob Kerr

William Oliver

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING (*All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund*)

Offertory

“*The Church’s One Foundation*”

Paul Bunjes

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive  
those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### SENDING

\*HYMN No. 321

*The Church’s One Foundation*

AURELIA

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

“*Praise to the Lord*”

David Cherwien

## 2015-2016 Sunday School & WNL Teachers

(\* denotes primary coordinator)

Grade Level	Sunday School	WNL
PreK/Kindergarten	Nancy Grams* Kris Horton Lois Hafer Alissa Kidd	Becky Spurgeon* Cindy Strasheim Susie Graham
1st/2nd Grade	Kelley Junker (August-December)* Jane Marsh (January-May)*	Jim & Kathy Duval*
3rd/4th Grade	Jill Kramer* Jeni Howard	Jill Kramer Jeni Howard*
5th Grade	Traci Boeve*	Ann Koozer*
6th/7th/8th	Chad Murrell (6th/7th)* Stan & Chanda Essink (6th/7th) Ruth Nielsen (6th/7th) Gary & Jenni Bauer (6th/7th) (2nd Sunday) Steve Wolford (8th)* William Oliver (8th) Megan Launchbaugh	Traci Boeve* Stacey Eddleman
9th/10th/11th/12th	Kraig Lofquist* Logan Ellis Joy White (substitute)	Tom & Leah Ratzlaff* Joe & Amy Black Kraig & Lauri Lofquist Justin & Stephanie Brader William & Susan Oliver Curtis & Kathy Reimer

## 2015-2016 Miscellaneous WNL Volunteers

Position	Volunteer
Greeter	_____
Table Setter	Judy Brown _____
Decorator	Judy Brown _____
Recreation	Brady Rhodes _____
Meal Planner/Kitchen Coordinator	Susan Oliver Amy Hermes
Meal Shoppers	Amy Hermes Laurie Lofquist Susan Oliver Leah Ratzlaff
Dessert Providers	Pam & Don Canady _____
Laundry (towels/clothes/napkins)	Pam & Don Canady Carol Grummert _____
Dinner Dean	Chris Schukei
Table Parents	Tom & Leah Ratzlaff Jim & Kathy Duval Dick & Daveta Brader Lois Hafer Jim & Rogene Wenburg
	Wendy Propp

## **2015-2016 Miscellaneous Sunday/Adult Education Volunteers**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
Children's Moment	Nancy Grams (3rd Sunday)
Nursery	Staci Trutna (1st Sunday) Carol Grummert (2nd Sunday) Leah Ratzlaff (3rd Sunday) Maggie, Lucy, Erika Nielsen (4th Sunday)
Heir's Apparent Leader	Curtis Reimer

### **COMMISSIONING OF 2015-2016 CHURCH SCHOOL**

The psalmist proclaims, “*we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God’s might, and the wonders that God has done.*” (78:4)

As people of faith, we are dedicated to be a teaching and learning church, and we commit ourselves to tell the stories of our faith, to our children, youth, and adults, and to proclaim the love and power of God to make all things new.

#### **Who will share God’s loving ways with our children?**

Our teachers and leaders of children will tell the stories of our faith. In exciting ways they will see how Jesus healed the sick, freed the captives, and fed the hungry.

#### **Who will tell our youth the truths important to their lives, and who will lead them to make life-changing discoveries for themselves?**

The teachers and leaders of our youth will open up God’s Word. The challenges and excitement of the Christian life will become theirs as they confirm and live into the faith in which they were baptized.

#### **Who will teach adults and challenge them to ponder the gain and grow toward spiritual maturity?**

The teachers and leaders of adults will explore how their lives might reflect the grace and peace known to them through Jesus Christ, even as we continue throughout our entire lives to learn, grow and live into our baptism.

### **QUESTIONS OF THE TEACHERS AND LEADERS**

Teachers and leaders, do you welcome the responsibility of teaching because you are determined to proclaim the glorious deeds of the LORD and the wonders that God has done?

**We do.**

Will you prepare for your encounters with energy intelligence, imagination and love, relying on God’s mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**We will, with God’s help.**

### **QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION**

Do you, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to these before you as teachers and leaders of our educational ministries in the service of Jesus Christ, and will you support them in the ministry through your encouragement and prayers?

**We do and we will.**

### **COMMISSIONING PRAYER**

## Announcements:

**The radio broadcast** is given by JoAnn and Les Seiler.

**Today's service may be seen on Channel 181** Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., or Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**For those living at Good Samaritan Village the service will be broadcast on Channel 3** on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**The flowers** are in memory of Alberta Stewart.

**Ushers:** Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein, captain, Chuck Shoemaker, Paul Nuss

**Greeters:** Alice Throckmorton

**Acolyte:** Emma Redinger

**Nursery:** Lucy & Maggie Nielsen

**In the Hospital:** Dixie Kerr, Renee Thomsen



*Charlie Sue Stout, daughter of Ethan & Lindsay, was born July 20, 2015.*

*Anah Bernice Sturgeon, daughter of Zachary & Rebecca, was born July 29, 2015.*

### **This Week ----- August 24 – August 30**

Monday, August 24	11:00 Staff Meeting
Tuesday, August 25	1:00 Quilters
Wednesday, August 26	4:00 Wednesday Night Live begins

**Next Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

***Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Scripture:** *Mark 5:21-43*

**Sermon:** Reading the Bible in 3-D