

First Presbyterian Church
Huntsville, Tennessee
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 119)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Your Word is a lamp for my steps,

People: A light for my path.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: And bless God's holy name forever.

*Hymn 135 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Prayer of the Day (said by all)

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Concerns of the Congregation

Message to the Children

*Hymn 398 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 25:19-34; **Psalm 119:105-112**

Romans 8:1-11; *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 546)

Special Music

Sermon

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Steve Sexton

Prayers of the People

After each prayer concern:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: from Colossians 1

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn 544)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 399 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Affirmation of Faith

Col. 1:15-20

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp for my steps,

A light for my path.

I have sworn firmly

To uphold your just rulings.

I have suffered so much,

Give me the life you promise.

Receive, Lord, all that I say,

And teach me your wisdom.

Though danger stalks,

I will never forget your law.

Though the wicked set traps,

I will not stray from you.

Your laws are my heritage,

The joy of my heart forever.

I am determined to obey

For a lasting reward.

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**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were
created,
things visible and invisible.**

**All things have been created through him and
for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.**

**He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in
everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased
to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile
all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

Amen.