

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn

Concerns of the Church

Moment for "Souper Bowl of Caring"

Prelude "Minuet" Boellmann

Call to Worship from Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All that is within me, bless God's holy name!

God heals your iniquity and heals your diseases.

God redeems your life from the Pit

and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

* Hymn 223 (PH) "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" (verses 1-5)
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide,

and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

Open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more

in your likeness and image;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response (PH 223, v. 6)

**Bless your Maker, all you creatures, ever under God's control,
All throughout God's vast dominion, bless the Lord of all, my soul!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (OT, p. 174)

Psalter: Psalm 111 (Responsive Reading, OT p. 494)

A Time with Children

11:15 - Children through grade 4 are invited to Children's Worship in Room 110.

Anthem 9:00 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Thomas Pearce

11:15 "I Dream A World" André Thomas

Second Lesson: Mark 1:21-28 (NT, p. 35)

Sermon: "Well, What Happened in Worship Today?" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn "Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit!" (see insert)

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Duo" Clerambault

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 426 (PH) "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Chaconne" Couperin

* All who are able shall stand.
PH Presbyterian Hymnal
Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given by

- Char Lyon, to the glory of God and in honor of family and friends on her birthday;
- Lorraine Daniels, in memory of her husband, George.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	William Cosnett
Director of Music	Alan Baker
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Jake Cole (9:00); John Conklin (11:15)
Children's Worship Leader	S. Flynn, P. Williams
Ushers	B. Schillinger, Vi Dygert (9:00) S. Hosier, J. Conklin, W. Wescott (11:15)

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SPECIAL MUSIC

As we reflect today in sermon and song on Jesus' casting out of the impure spirit, the first service anthem be a setting of verses from Psalm 51, in which David pleads for forgiveness after his adultery with Bathsheba. At the second service, our Teen Choir will again sing "I Dream a World," setting a poem by Langston Hughes' first published in 1926. The setting they sing was created in memory of the victims of 9-11. As our nation prepares to celebrate African-American History Month in February, Hughes' words still resonate.

*I dream a world where man No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth And peace its paths adorn,
I dream a world where all Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white, Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth and every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind Of such I dream, my world.*

Our hymn after the sermon at each service was composed (text and music) in 1984. The poet, Thomas Troeger, writes: "I was eager to interpret the meaning of demons for people who live in a post-Freudian, psychological, scientific culture. While writing the text, I recalled when I was a pastor and a popular movie, "The Exorcist," touched off a wave of questions about the meaning of demons and exorcism in the New Testament." The composer, Carol Doran wrote the music "in an effort to express the drama of the moment of this extraordinary healing and to allow the congregation, through their singing of this music, to participate in a strong retelling of the story."

Mark 1:22



*We taught them as one
who had authority,*

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Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Psalms 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.