

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn: PH 238

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "By the Babylonian Rivers" arr. Hobby

Call to Worship

You who worship the God, praise the Lord!

In the midst of the congregation we will praise you!

All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.

***All the families of the nations shall worship you,
for dominion belongs to God!***

* Hymn 477 (PH) "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***God of steadfast love,
we confess our unworthiness of your love.
Instead of sacrificing, we promote ourselves.
Instead of giving, we hoard our blessings.
Too often we claim our faith in Christ
as a badge to wear instead of a cross to bear,
avoiding the costly acts that bear your grace.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Teach us to follow in the path of Christ.
Through your Spirit give us grace
to serve our neighbors as ourselves
and to glorify you through faith in Jesus Christ.***

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie ***Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.***

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (OT, p. 13)

Psalter: Psalm 22:22-31 (Sing 142, verses 22-31)

A Time with Children

Anthem 9:00

"Agnus Dei"

Sandra Howard

11:15

"God So Loved the World"

John Stainer

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38 (NT, p. 44)

Sermon: "At Risk of One's Life"

Rev. Carter

Lenten Series: "Deliver Us from Evil"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 393 (PH)

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

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

Offering

Offertory 9:00

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

arr. Held

11:15

"Near The Cross" W. Doane, arr. B. Harlan

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (PH, p. 13)

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

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.

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 356 (PH) “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. Held

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

The flowers this morning have been given in memory of loved ones by Karen White.

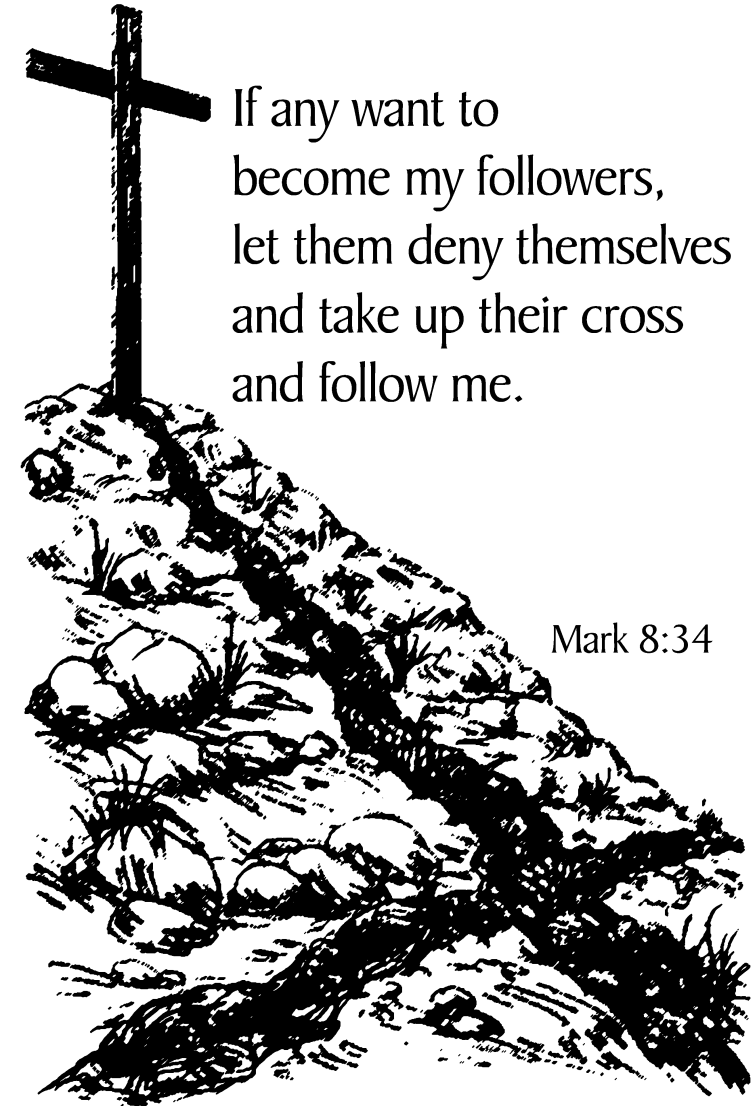
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	William Cosnett
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgists	Briar Woodley (9:00); Nick Woronchuk (11:15)
Ushers	D. Traettino, L. Wirth (9:00); S. Hosier, C. LaCoe (11:15)

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SPECIAL MUSIC

As we continue our Lenten journey our Teen Choir will sing at the first service a new setting of the ancient “Agnus Dei” text. The Latin words are those of the last item in the Ordinary of the Mass, originally sung during the Communion ritual. “Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us...grant us peace.” The reference to the lamb is both powerful and ancient, extending back to the animal sacrifices offered by the priests of the Old Testament Jewish Temple.

At the second service, our Adult Choir will share two anthems. The first, *God So Loved the World* is a true warhorse or chestnut of the sacred repertory, drawn from John Stainer’s 1887 cantata, *The Crucifixion*, still popular during Passiontide in Britain. At the offertory, they will sing a contemporary arrangement of the classic 1869 Fanny Crosby/William Doane hymn, *Near The Cross*. Blinded during infancy, Crosby became known as the mother of modern congregational singing in America, penning the texts of over 8,000 hymns. She was so popular that publishers grew embarrassed at the preponderance of Crosby hymns in their collections; she thus employed nearly 200 pseudonyms during her career.



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Mark 8:34

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Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”