

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday in Lent

March 25, 2012

9:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

"Nun Bitten Wir"

arr. Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

Wash us from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me.

Where I am, there will my servant be also."

Let us worship God and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

* Hymn 186 (PH)

"Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, hear your children as we confess our sin.

You offer us the security of your love, but we seek other comforts.

You encourage us to love deeply, but we flinch from the challenge.

You seek our complete obedience,

but we stray again and again from your rule.

Forgive us, God, we humbly pray.

Write your law on our hearts, and fill us with your Holy Spirit,

that we might live in righteousness

and glorify you in all we do, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (OT, p. 735)

Psalm: Psalm 119, selections (Sing 87)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"The Lord's Prayer"

Albert Haye Malotte

Second Lesson: Mark 9:14-29 (NT, p. 44)

Sermon: "Only Through Prayer"

Lenten Series: Deliver Us from Evil

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 403 (PH) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "Plaint"

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

Young

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 443 (PH) "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Voluntary"

Young

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 59th wedding anniversary of the double wedding of Frank and Virginia Winters and Blair and Lois Bolling.

The daffodils this morning are dedicated to the glory of God as a symbol of hope and courage by Sandra and Steuart Bailey.

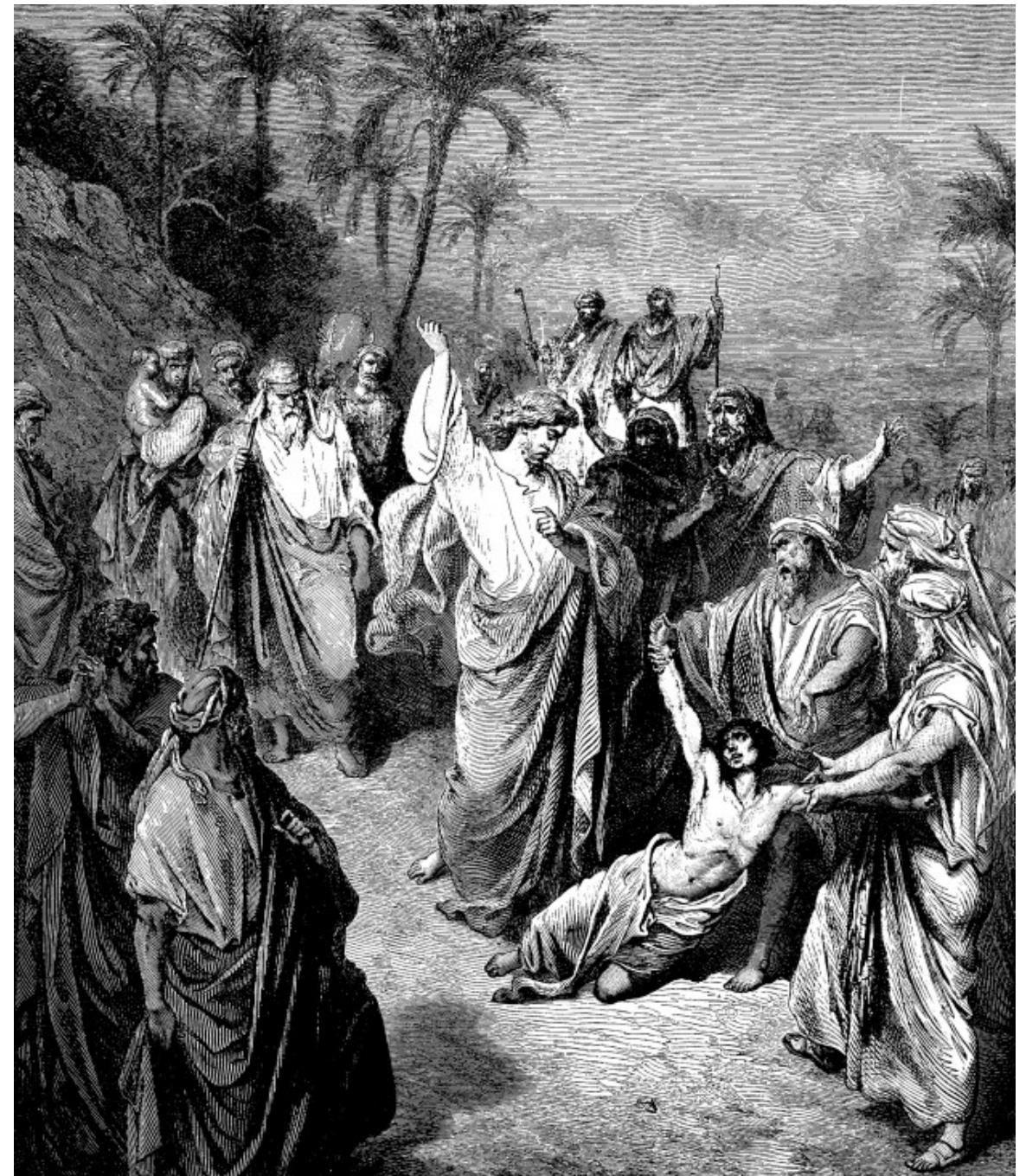
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	William Cosnett
Director of Music	Alan Baker
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgists	John Conklin
Ushers	D. Traettino, L. Wirth



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Mark 9:14-29

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” Someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.” He answered them, “You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you are able! —All things can be done for the one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!” When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!” After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “This kind can come out only through prayer.”