

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Mardi Gras Sunday / Transfiguration of the Lord

March 2, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

The Lord sits enthroned upon the angels; let the earth quake!

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

For the Lord our God is holy.

* Hymn 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be your obedient people.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors,

and refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Music "Dead Man Blues"

Jelly Roll Morton

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18 (OT, p. 70)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Wade in the Water"

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9 (NT, p. 18)

Sermon: "A Long, Loving Look at What's Real"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 465

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

Offering

Offertory

"King Porter Stomp"

Jelly Roll Morton

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (p.35)

The Words of Institution

Communion *Please eat the bread and drink the cup as you are served.*

Music:

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (835)

Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 837

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

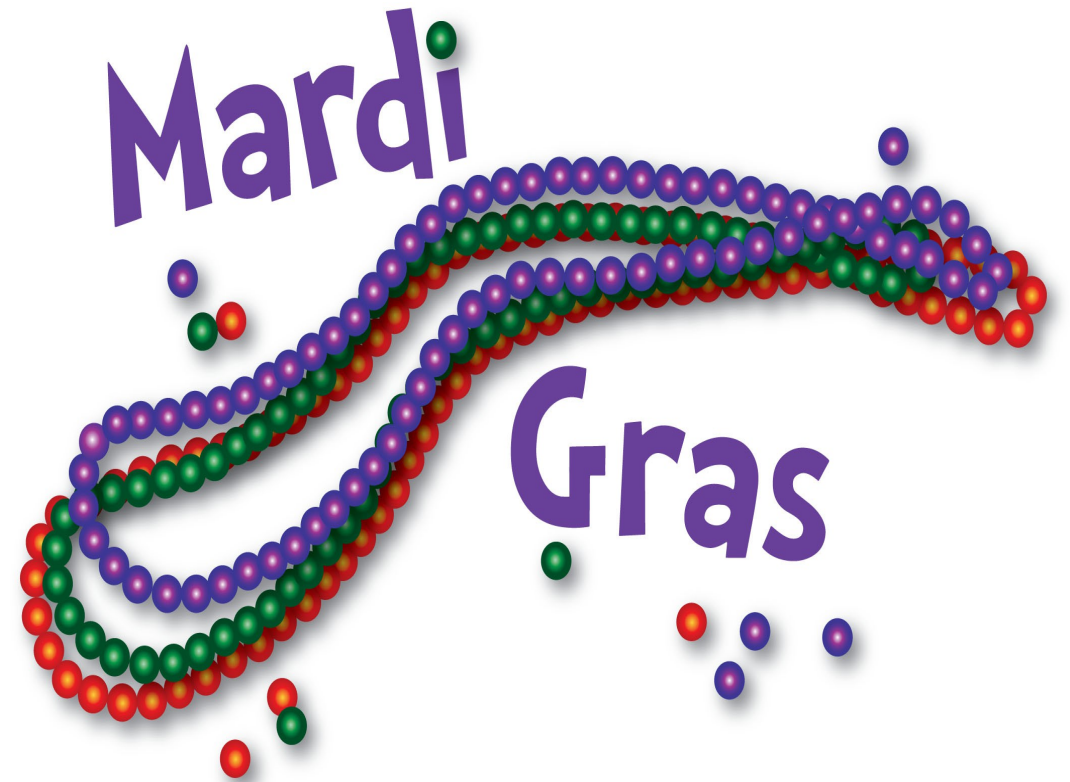
* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by George Harris to the glory of God and in memory of his grandparents, George and Ellen Gilbert.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Kathleen Shedlock
Ushers	John Conklin, Carole LaCoe, Shirley McLaughlin, Brian Schillinger
Welcomers	Char and Fred Lyon
Musicians	Jeff Leas, Al Hamme, Ron Leas, Tony Marino, Tyler Dempsey

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Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."