

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Mardi Gras Sunday / Transfiguration of the Lord

February 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music "Jazz Me Blues"
Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks:

This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

* 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 and gracious God,

We bow before your unending compassion, having fallen short.

We have not loved as you command.

We have not spoken truly.

What we intend, we have not pursued.

What we mean to avoid, we embrace.

***Help us to know the mind of Christ,
that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,
our lives might come to honor you.***

* Silent Confession

Music "Dead Man Blues" (Part 1) Jelly Roll Morton

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Music "Dead Man Blues" (Part 2) Jelly Roll Morton

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 9:28-36 (NT, p. 69)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35 (OT, p. 81)

Sermon: "His Skin Was Shining"

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 "Royal Garden Blues"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

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

Music for Communion: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (835)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Charge and Benediction

* Parade Hymn "When the Saints Go Marching In"

All are invited to join in the joyful parade!

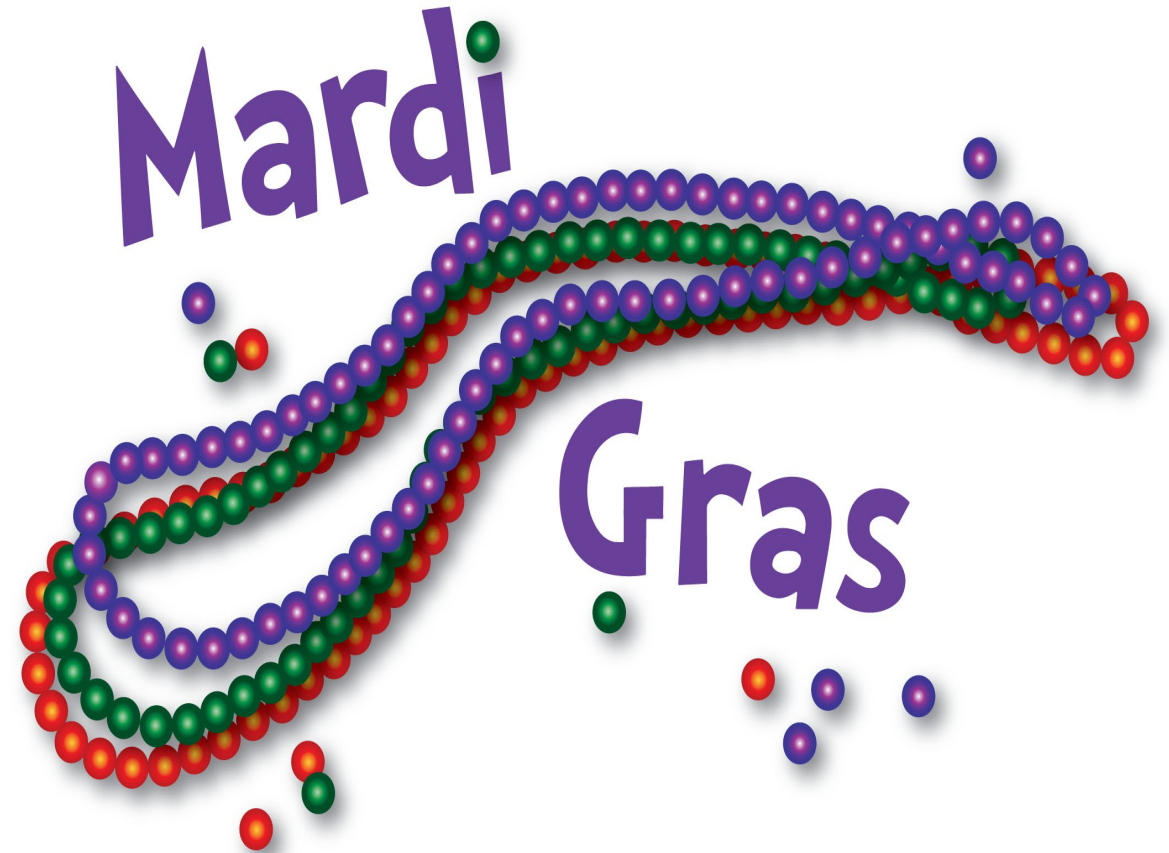
- 1. Oh when the saints go marching in... Oh Lord, I want to be in that number...***
- 2. Oh when the drums begin to bang ...***
- 3. Oh when the stars fall from the sky ...***
- 4. Oh when the trumpet sounds its call ...***
- 5. Oh when the saints go marching in ...***

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Carol Noe Crouse by a friend.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William G. Carter
Song Leader	Jenna Ash
Liturgist	Meg Hatch
Ushers	Valerie Treadway, Mary Parry
Welcomer	Fred Campbell
Musicians	Jeff Leas, Tom Hamilton, Ron Leas, Tony Marino, Tyler Dempsey



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Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.