

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“Trumpet Tune”

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Call to Worship

God of glory, you began creation on the first day of the week,
bringing light out of darkness.

**God of grace, you began a new creation on the first day of the
week, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.**

Bring us alive in Christ on this Lord's Day!

We worship you in glory and grace!

* Hymn 75 (PH)

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
we confess that we do not expect
the transforming power of your love
to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours.
Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle,
to relieve us of the challenges you set before us.
Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power
and in the power of love to change our lives,
and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons
Christ calls us to be.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (OT, p. 332)

Psalter: Psalm 50:1-6 (**Sing** 60)

A Time with Children

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

Anthem 9:00 “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” (PH 73)

11:15

“True Light”

Keith Hampton

Paul Lyon, soloist

Second Lesson: Mark 9:2-9 (NT, p. 44)

Sermon: “Jesus on Fire”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 128 (Sing) “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“Intermezzo”

Powell

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 143 (PH)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Divertissement"

Young

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given by Alma Herron to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lewis Malsberger.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	William Cosnett
Director of Music	Alan Baker
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Nick Woronchuk (9:00); John Conklin (11:15)
Children's Worship Leader	S. Flynn, P. Williams
Ushers	Tori Yankow, Karen White (9:00); Shirley McLaughlin, Carole LaCoe (11:15)

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SPECIAL MUSIC

At the second service, the adult choir (with Paul Lyon doing soloist duties) will sing TRUE LIGHT, a gospel anthem that springs from the children's song, THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE. Often considered a Negro spiritual, THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE was actually written by the white Harry Dixon Loes around 1920 (Loes also wrote the hymn BLESSED REDEEMER which I remember singing out of the old Broadman Hymnal.). The song, however, became one of the most important anthems of the civil rights movement. As we approach the start of Lent, enjoy the celebratory "Fat Tuesday" and "Carnival" feel of the music...if you feel like clapping, dancing, or singing along...that's okay.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

From the cloud came a

voice,



*"This is my Son,
the Beloved;
listen to him!"*

Mark 9:7

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2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.