

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn "We Rejoice to Be God's Chosen" John Bell

1. We rejoice to be God's chosen, not through virtue, work or skill, but because God's love is generous, unconformed to human will; and because God's love is restless, like the surging of the sea, we are pulled by heaven's dynamic to become, not just to be.
2. We rejoice to be God's chosen, to be gathered to God's side, not to build a pious ghetto or be steeped in selfish pride; but to celebrate the goodness of the One who sets us free from the smallness of our vision to become, not just to be.
3. We rejoice to be God's chosen, to align with heaven's intent, to await where we are summoned and accept where we are sent. We rejoice to be God's chosen and, amidst all that we see, to anticipate with wonder that the best is yet to be.

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "When In Our Music God Is Glorified" arr. Wood

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

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**The flowers** this morning have been given to the glory of God in memory of our parents by Jo and John Conklin.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	William Cosnett
Director of Music	Alan Baker
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Seth Pinches (9:00); Kim Barrows (11:15)
Children's Worship Leaders	S. Flynn, P. Williams
Ushers	Brian Schillinger & Chris Spangler (9:00) Carole LaCoe & Shirley McLaughlin (11:15)

*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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**First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 20, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude Tom Heinze, oboe

Call to Worship  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
**Praise God from the end of the earth.**  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\* Hymn "God's Spirit is Here" John Bell  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

1. God's Spirit is here that never alone  
The followers of Christ need face the unknown.  
The fount of all living is leading the dance,  
Dismantling old systems that earth might advance.
2. She banishes sin, eradicates fear,  
Lets hesitant faith affirm God is near,  
Till living like Jesus, and blessed by his name,  
We bind up the broken and lift up the lame.
3. She defuses hate and raises the dead,  
Becalming life's storms, removing all dread.

So that we might serve God, confirmed from above,  
She tests us with fire and aflames us with love.

4. So, seek out the lost, and share out the pain,  
And love at such cost that all rise again.  
God's lamplighting spirit is dancing the way  
Through dark into dawning, from night into day.

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us change what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Celtic Alleluia (Sing 148)

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Go, with the power of Christ, proclaiming to all "He is risen!"  
And he lives today at the right hand of God!**

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Revelation 5:6-14 (NT, p. 248)

Response: **Blessing and honour, glory and power,  
worship and wisdom, high thanksgiving  
These all belong to God and the Lamb,  
worthy are they of praise evermore.**

Psalter: Psalm 100

1. All people living on the earth, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Serve joyfully, sing out God's praise and in this place rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed, whose parenting is firm and fair;  
God shepherds us, calls us his own, and shows us constant care.

A Time with Children

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

Anthem 9:00  
11:15

"Today I Awake"  
"I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health"

John Bell  
Byrd

Second Lesson: Psalm 98

Sermon: "OH NO - Not Another New Song!"

Rev. Carter

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn

"The Lord of the Earth"

Romero / Bell

1. The Lord of the earth is a holy God  
whose passion and purpose are sure,  
and those who are summoned to share God's love  
respond to the cries of the poor.  
Oh - alleluia, alleluia! God's holy purpose is sure, is sure.  
Alleluia, alleluia, the Lord hears the cry of the poor.
2. The words of the prophets which God inspired  
cannot just be silently read.  
Their summons to action must be obeyed:  
Our lives should reveal what they said.  
Oh - alleluia, alleluia! Prophets cannot just be read, be read.  
Alleluia, alleluia, our lives should reflect what they said.
3. In Jesus our Savior we clearly see  
the Church must be keen to forgo  
its comfort and privilege and self-esteem  
till Christ's is the lifestyle we show.  
Oh - alleluia, alleluia! Privilege is what we forgo, forgo,  
Alleluia, alleluia, till Christ is the lifestyle we show.
4. With all of creation we join to sing  
a song to the Lord of the earth  
who teaches that some things must change or die  
and new life be brought to its birth.  
Oh - alleluia, alleluia, sing to the Lord all the earth, the earth.  
Alleluia, alleluia, new life must be brought to its birth.

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14) (9:00)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:15)

Presentation of Rachel Hitchcock

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

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* The Act of Baptizing

\* Welcome (Unison)

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all  
one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good  
news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory (Sing 156)

"Clap Your Hands All You Nations"

\* Doxology (PH 592)

\* Prayer of Dedication