

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
***who made heaven and earth.***  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

\* Hymn 478 (PH) "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
for we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.  
We have turned from our neighbors,  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world,  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.  
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,  
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (OT, p. 336)

Psalter: Psalm 30 (PH 181)

A Time with Children

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

Anthem 9:00

"True Light"

Keith Hampton

Paul Lyon, soloist

11:15

"Cantad al Senor"

Paul Lyon, guitar; Bill Carter, drum

Second Lesson: Mark 1:40-45 (NT, p. 35)

Sermon: "Unable to Keep the Secret"

Rev. Carter

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 466 (PH) "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:15)

Presentation of Olivia Wimmer

\* 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 and Offertory  
\* Doxology (PH 592) and Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 536 (PH) "Lord, Make Us More Holy"  
\* Charge and Benediction  
\* Postlude

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\* All who are able shall stand. PH Presbyterian Hymnal

**The flowers** are given to the glory of God. Today they are to welcome Lucy Elizabeth Husband, daughter of Erin and Andy Husband. Two roses are in honor of Amy Kate McNutt on her second birthday. Both are great-granddaughters of Shirley and Jim McLaughlin.

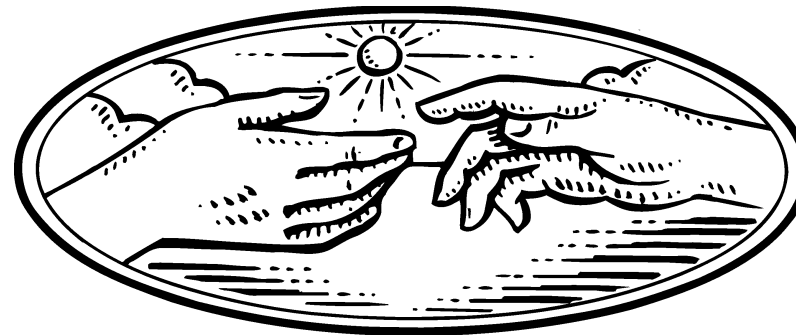
**The single, white rose** is in honor of the baptism of Olivia Wimmer.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	William Cosnett
Director of Music	Alan Baker
Organist and Chapel Choir Director	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Dave Comly (9:00); Chapel Choir (11:15)
Children's Worship Leader	S. Flynn, P. Williams
Ushers	Tori Yankow, Karen White (9:00); Shirley McLaughlin, Carole LaCoe (11:15)
Members of the Chapel Choir are: Ariana Billiot, Annkelly Ndangam, Clarice Ndangam, Nick Roditski, and Zach Roditski	

**ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SPECIAL MUSIC**

At the first 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. The words reflect on our sermon scripture in which the healed leper simply can't keep the good news a secret, while the music reflects on our continuing recognition that February is African-American History Month. 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.



Moved with pity,  
Jesus stretched out  
his hand ... and  
said to him, ...  
“Be made clean!”

Mark 1:41

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## **2 Kings 5:1-14**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

## **Mark 1:40-45**

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.