

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Easter Sunday

April 8, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Fanfare" Lemmens

Call to Worship Psalm 118:22-24

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

***This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.***

This is the day that the Lord has made.

***Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

\* Processional Hymn 123 (PH) "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Almighty God,***

***in raising Jesus from the grave,***

***You shattered the power of sin and death.***

***We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,***

***bound by the ways that lead to death.***

***We overlook the poor and the hungry,***

***and pass by those who mourn;***

***We ignore the cries of the needy,***

***remain indifferent to your justice,***

***and abuse the earth you have made.***

***Forgive us, God of mercy.***

***Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,***

***that we may know the joy of abundant life***

***given in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Celtic Alleluia (Sing 148, verse 1)

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen.***

***He has conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.***

Concerns of the Church

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9 (OT, p. 652)

Psalter: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Sing 146)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Lift High the Cross"

arr. Robert Lau

Second Lesson: Mark 16:1-8 (NT, p. 54)

Sermon: "God on the Loose"

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 108 (PH)

"Christ Is Alive!"

\* Affirmation of Faith

from 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

***This is the good news which we have received,***

***in which we stand, and by which we are saved:***

***that Christ died for sins according to the scriptures,***

***that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,***

***and that he appeared first to the women,***

***then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many witnesses.***

***We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.***

***Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;***

***He is our Lord and our God.***

Offering

Offertory

"Thine Is the Glory"

arr. Brunner

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (PH, p. 13) and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served. During the serving of the bread and cup, we will sing hymns 147 and 153 from the Sing songbook.*

Prayer after Communion

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 118 (PH) "The Day of Resurrection!"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound" arr. Hobby

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\* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

**Sing** Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	William Cosnett
Director of Music	Alan Baker
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Chris Norton
Ushers	Brian Schillinger, Chris Spangler, Wendy Wescott (9:00); Bill Farrell, Karen White, Carole LaCoe (11:15)

*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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***Isaiah 25:6-9***

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

***Mark 16:1-8***

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.