

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Mardi Gras Sunday / Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music "Lead On, O King Eternal"
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

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you

- to hide our faces, to hide our sin -

yet you have never hidden your love for us.

We have tried to search for you

in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops -

yet you have already revealed yourself to us

in the face of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine

with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

A Time with Children

Anthem "Ride the Chariot" arr. William H. Smith
Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

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

Sermon: "Dazzled for Now"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (835)

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

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 ...

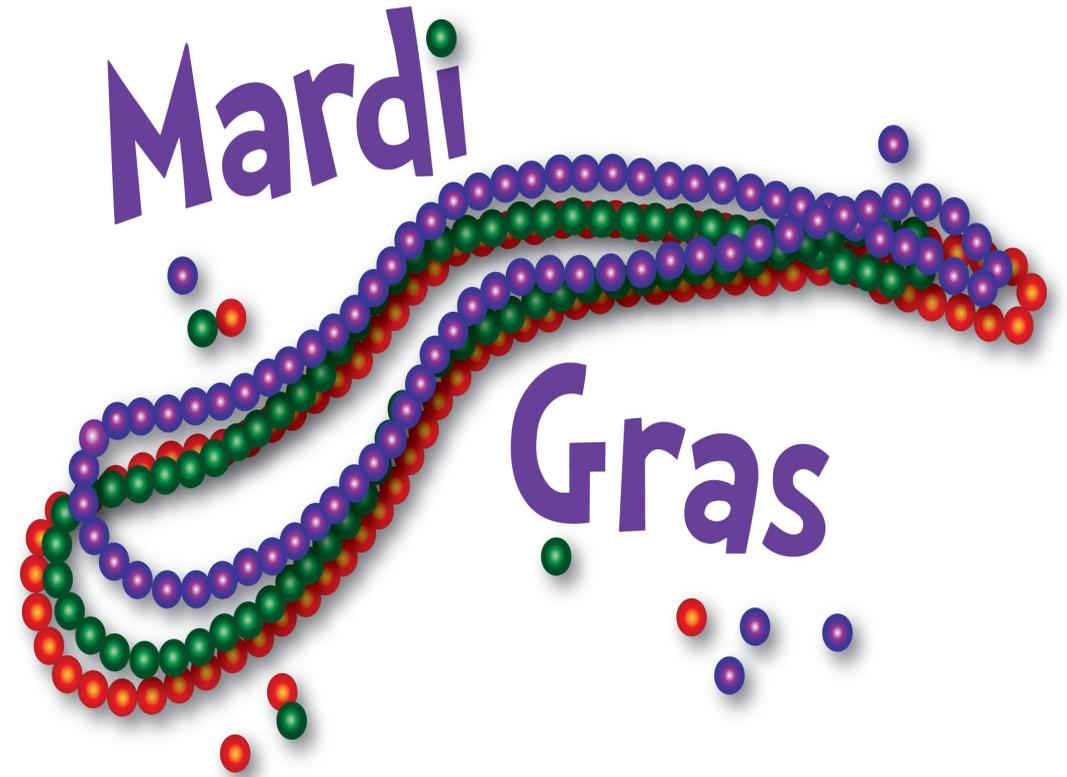
5. Oh when the saints go marching in ...

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Shirley and Jim McLaughlin for their years of faithful stewardship serving the congregation of First Presbyterian Church. May God grant you many blessings.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Liturgist	Char Lyon
Joyful Noise Leaders	Jack Pittman, Elaine Lavelle
Ushers	Marsha Parrish, Anne Deremer
Welcomer	Diane Cole
Musicians	Jeff Leas, Al Hamme, Ron Leas, Tony Marino, Tyler Dempsey



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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.