

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Mardi Gras Sunday / Transfiguration of the Lord

February 26, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

The Lord sits enthroned upon the angels; let the earth quake!

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

For the Lord our God is holy.

* Hymn 835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be your obedient people.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors,

and refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, 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: Exodus 24:12-18 (OT, p. 70)

Psalter: Psalm 2 (OT, p. 489)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"When the Saints Go Marching In"

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-13 (NT, p. 18)

Sermon: "If Only We Knew Then . . ."

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude Music

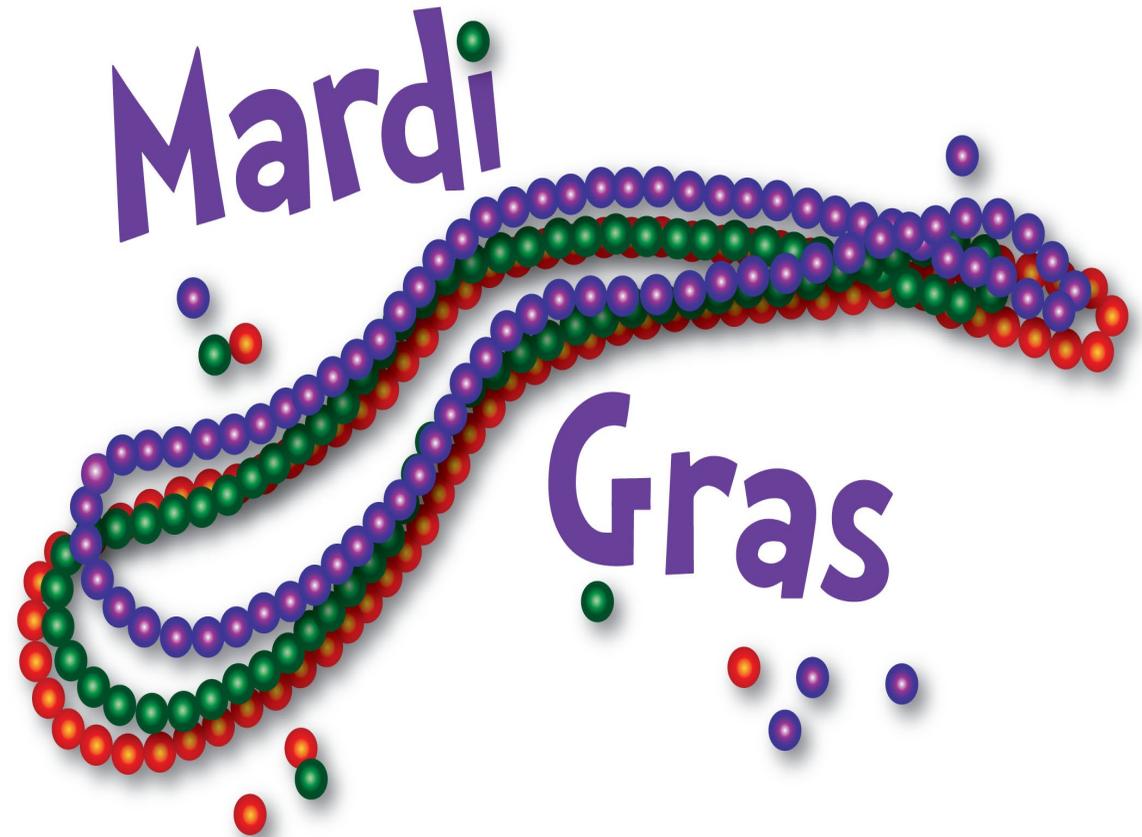
* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Van Horn by his wife, Gail.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Liturgist	Kate O'Brien
Ushers	John Diven, Laura Schillinger
Welcomers	Linda Schuller
Musicians	Jeff Leas, Ron Leas, Dr. Katie Morrell Christopher Benitez

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Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalms 2

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

Matthew 17:1-13

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.' And the disciples asked him, 'Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?' He replied, 'Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.' Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

Call to Confession

[Prayer of Confession is printed in the bulletin]

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God and stand in grace through Jesus Christ.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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