

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

Call to Worship from John 1:12, 14
The Word became flesh and lived among us,
And we have seen his glory.
To all who received him,
He gave power to become children of God.

* Hymn 455 (PH) "All Creatures of Our God and King" (vv. 1-5)
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession
* Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
Open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 455, v. 6

**All creatures, your Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (OT, p. 247)
Psalter: Psalm 62 (Responsive Reading, OT, p. 526)

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

Anthem "My Way's Cloudy" (9:00) arr. H. T. Burleigh
"Down to the River to Pray" (11:15) arr. Sheldon Curry

Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51 (NT, p. 92)
Sermon: "Friend By Friend" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 366 (PH) "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering
Offertory
* Doxology (PH 592)
* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 538 (PH) "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"
* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

* All who are able shall stand. PH Presbyterian Hymnal

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God. They have been given by Margaret Reese.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	William Cosnett
Director of Music	Alan Baker
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	J. Pittman (9:00); C. Woolever (11:15)
Children's Worship Leaders	S. Flynn, P. Williams
Usher	B. Schillinger, Vi Dygert (9:00) S. Hosier, J. Conklin, W. Wescott (11:15)



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

About this morning's music: Today's focus is on Christ as the light of the world, but our special music also highlights that tomorrow our nation remembers the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

At the first service we hear a not-so-familiar spiritual, "My Way's Cloudy." Perhaps even more important than the message of the song is the story of its arranger, H. T. Burleigh. Born in 1866 in Erie, his mother was a domestic worker. Despite her college education and fluency in French and Greek, she was unable to gain a teaching job because of her race. Burleigh received a conservatory sponsorship, but had to work at cleaning the school halls. Singing the spirituals learned from his grandfather, he caught the attention of the composer Dvorak, who wrote down the songs and incorporated them into his "New World Symphony."

The anthem at the second service is the simple traditional tune, "Down to the River to Pray." Returned to popular consciousness by the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou," the song's origins are also "cloudy." It may have originated as a white Appalachian hymn, but also perhaps as a slave song.



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