

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Wood

Call to Worship from Psalm 147

How good it is to sing praises to our God,

For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting!

The Lord builds up Jerusalem, and gathers the outcasts of Israel.

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

* Hymn 37 (Sing) "For the Music of Creation"
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)

Reception of New Members (9:00)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31 (OT, p. 668)

Psalter: Psalm 147 (**Sing** 29)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Forever Make Us One" arr. George Mabry

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39 (NT, p. 35)

Sermon: "On Praying for a Snow Day" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 124 (Sing) "Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion"

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

Offering

Offertory "Blessed Assurance" arr. Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (PH, p. 13)

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.

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 246 (**Sing**) "As Your Family, Lord"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude "Awake, Awake to Love and Work" arr. Owens

* All who are able shall stand.
PH Presbyterian Hymnal
Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given by Eunice Circle to the glory of God and in memory of Stephen Owens.

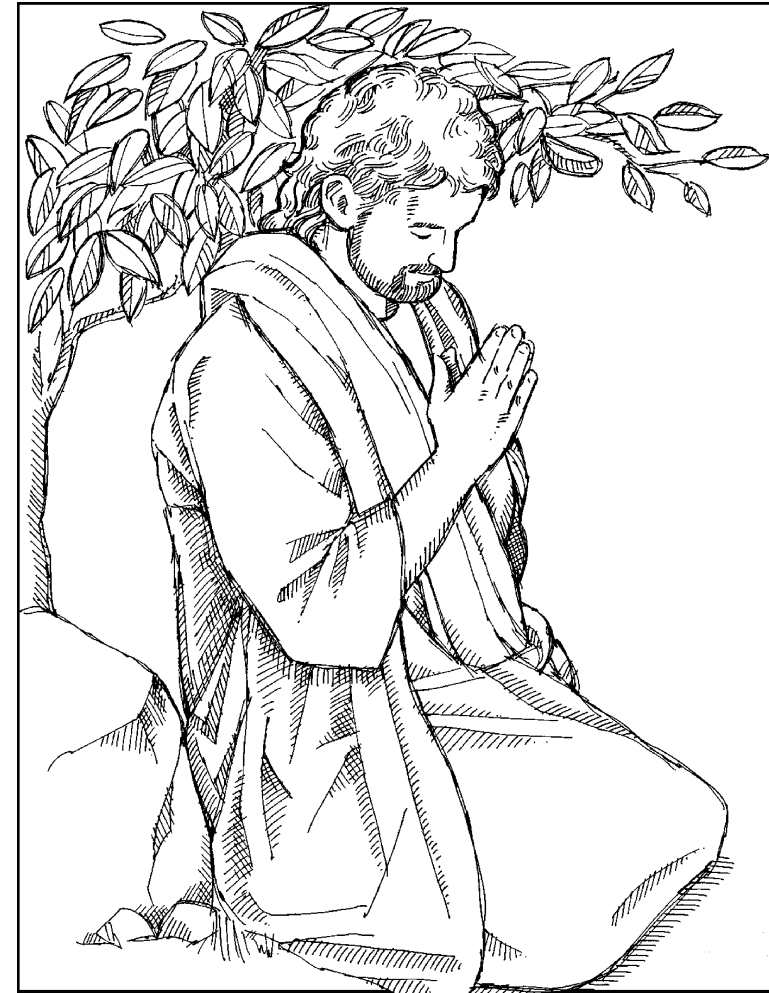
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	William Cosnett
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Dana Miller (9:00); Chuck Woolever (11:15)
Usher	Tori Yankow, Karen White (9:00); Shirley McLaughlin, Carole LaCoe (11:15)

About this Morning's Special Music

Our anthem this morning is a setting of a recent poem by Beverly Easterling, set to the tune called *Sursum Corda*, by Alfred Morton Smith. The tune name translates to "lift up your hearts," as used in the original Latin of the Great Thanksgiving that opens our Communion. The third verse paraphrases another famous hymn text, often used also as a meal-time prayer:

*O enter Lord and deign to be our guest,
We linger not for comfort, now achieved;
Speak to our spirits, Lord, we leave refreshed,
Sending us forth, your blessing now received.*



*Very early in the morning ... Jesus got up, left the house
and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*
Mark 1:35

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Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.