

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
WITNESS SEASON SUNDAY  
8:45 AND 11:00 AM  
FEBRUARY 26, 2012

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Minister: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**Congregation: And also with you.**  
Minister: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

**PRELUDE** *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach

**WELCOME** Dr. William P. Wood  
Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** *Witness Season* Jim Skidmore

**INTROIT** (11:00) *Feed My Lambs* Natalie Sleeth  
Senior Choristers  
Janet Kuntz and Susan Baker, flute

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!  
**Congregation: Serve the Lord with gladness!**  
Minister: Come into God's presence with singing!  
**Congregation: Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!**

† **HYMN 464:** (Blue) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) Rev. Laura E. Palmer

Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry  
for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light,  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Minister: Hear this good news and be at peace with God.  
**Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

† **LENTEN RESPONSE TO PARDON** IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL  
(Please join in singing 2 times.)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 22:1-14 Pew Bible Page 16

Minister: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** Rev. Laura Palmer

At the 11:00 service, four- and five-year-olds and first graders  
will depart for Children's Worship.  
Pick-up Location: Pathway2Truth hallway in the Clark Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

† **HYMN 81:** (Blue) *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Mark 12:41-44 Pew Bible Page 881

Minister: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "The Lesser Lights of Lent" Dr. William P. Wood  
(1) A Poor Widow

*Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are  
contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but  
she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.*  
Mark 12:43-44

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)  
THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (8:45) Rev. L. Craig Foster  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00) Dr. William L. Arthur

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY**

(8:45) *Just as I Am* K. Lee Scott  
Elena Roberts, Jayne McQueen, Holt Andrews, Bill Roberts

Just as I am, without one plea; But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.  
Just as I am, though tossed about; With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come.  
Just as I am, poor wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come.  
Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.  
Just as I am, thy love unknown; Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.  
Just as I am, of thy great love; The breadth, length, height and depth to prove,  
Here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

(11:00) *Kyrie Eleison* Louis Vierne  
Chancel Choir

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

† **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

OLD HUNDRETH

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN 361:** (Blue) *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty  
*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

**POSTLUDE** *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* J.S. Bach

† Congregation will stand.  
\*\*\*\* Ushers will seat latecomers.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 26, 2012



## CHURCH OFFICERS

### ELDERS

#### Class of 2012

Libby Adamson  
Wally Barre  
Bill Bean  
Anne Cecil  
Sally Dover  
Jenny Dunn  
John Poole  
Len Reed  
Caroline Smith  
David Tate  
Caroline Thomas  
Joella Utley  
John Verreault  
Nick Wildrick  
Camille Wolfe

#### Class of 2013

Vic Bailey  
Billy Blackford  
Carl Carlson  
Paul Coté  
Ann Richards Crenshaw  
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Kay Green  
Janet Kuntz  
Lynda Moore  
Elford Morgan  
Darwin Simpson  
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Margaret Young

#### Class of 2014

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Colleen Ballance  
Grier Bomar  
Phillip Bridges  
De Calvert  
Doug Gabbert  
Jerry Howe  
Kim Keith  
Tom King  
Sanders Lee  
Bubba Littlejohn  
Scottie Lummus  
Sylvia Spears  
Claude Woollen  
Elizabeth Young

### DEACONS

#### Class of 2012

Louisa Berry  
Mary Berry  
Cooper Cecil  
Brooks Crenshaw  
Bill DeVore  
Jimmy Edwards  
Martha Foster  
Jennifer Howe  
Beth Lancaster  
Cathy Martinez  
Mary McAbee  
Chad Pye  
Stephen Stamm  
Carol Stone

#### Class of 2013

Martha Bean  
Marty Cowan  
Libba Glenn  
Chris Groke  
Pamela Heath  
Steve Huntley  
Valerie MacPhail  
Tom Mahaffey  
Kam Neely  
Randy Orders  
Mary Stokes  
Richard Strasburger  
Rob Usry  
Phil Wilson

#### Class of 2014

Gail Ballard  
Donna Cunningham  
Melissa France  
Robby Kocisko  
Frank Lee  
Sherry Lee  
Mark Lwin  
Mimi McKinney  
David Miley  
Eric Nease  
Michael Pack  
Laura Ringo  
Mac White

**STAFF:** **Dr. William P. Wood**, Interim Senior Pastor; **Reverend L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; **Dr. William L. Arthur**, Supply Pastor; **Reverend Ansley B. Page**, Supply Pastor; **Reverend Laura E. Palmer**, Interim Associate Pastor; **R. Holt Andrews**, Director of Music; **Marcia C. Andrews**, Assistant Director of Music and Organist; **Beth Burris**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Scott J. Neely**, Pastoral Executive; **Carrie D. Williamson**, Director of Youth Ministry; **Michael W. Koster**, Assistant Director of Youth Ministry; **Bethany S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **J. Robert Bannan**, Director of Recreation; **Patricia L. Webster**, Church Hostess.

**MISSIONARIES:** *Frank and Nancy Dimmock, Lesotho; Jo Ella Holman, Cuba and Dominican Republic; Mark Hare, Haiti; Mission Co-Workers Serving with Kurds; Mission Co-Workers Serving in the Middle East*

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**The Lenten greens in the Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God by the Tiller family in loving memory of Dr. W. Howard Tiller, Jr. who was born February 26, 1952.

**This morning's 11:00 AM offertory anthem** "Kyrie Eleison" was selected to help us observe the first Sunday in Lent. It is part of a larger work, *Messe Solemnelle*, written in 1910 by the French composer and organist Louis Vierne. Vierne was organist at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and wrote the work with its magnificent organ in mind. We're pleased to perform it for you here as our Aeolian Skinner shares some of the thrilling sound and tonal characteristics of that instrument.

**We welcome today Jim Skidmore, Finance Chair of the Executive Committee of Ministry of Hope.** At 10:00am, Jim will speak to a joint Sunday School class in Fogartie Hall on our 2012 Witness Season project, supporting the Ministry of Hope Crisis Nursery in Lesotho. Please extend to Jim a warm welcome to our church.

**A hearing loop has been installed in the Sanctuary.** If your hearing aid or cochlear device is equipped with T-coil technology, please switch it to the "T", T-Coil, or telephone position for improved hearing during the service. Thank you!

### PARENTS . . .

**Nursery care** is available on the first floor of the Clark Building for all services for children six weeks through three years old. Silent pagers are provided to parents in case one of our nursery staff needs to reach you. **If your child becomes restless or needs to leave the sanctuary for any reason, an usher can direct you to the Church Parlor as a place to stay with your child and still share in the worship service through our live video and audio.**

**For Nursing Mothers:** There are two locations that nursing mothers can use while they are here on Sunday mornings. The nursery in the Family Life Center (off the gym playroom) is open before and during MorningSong for nursing mothers. Room C103 on the first floor of the Clark Building is open from 8:15 a.m. through the end of the 11:00 service. Please follow the instructions in the room with respect to use of the changing tables and disposal of diapers.

**Rainbow worship bags** are provided at the doors of the Sanctuary for your child to use during worship. Please return the crayons, book, puzzle game, bookmarks, and bag to the baskets at the conclusion of worship. The papers or leaflets are for your child to keep as a reminder of today's scripture and message.

Need a Large Print Bulletin?

Ask an usher for a copy!

## WELCOME!

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is a community of believers committed to  
"Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together  
through Word and Deed."