

March 2, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Fairest Lord Jesus" Silesian folk song
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Ed Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 50:1-6)

The mighty one, our God, speaks and summons the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence.

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth:

"Gather to me my faithful ones, those who have made a covenant with me."

The heavens declare God's righteousness. God alone is judge.

Let us worship God.

All praise to you, O God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" No. 245

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, even as we come before you in praise,
we search our hearts and ask your forgiveness,
acknowledging those ways in which we have been oblivious to you,
those times when we have ignored your call to compassionate living.**

Speak to us from beyond the clouds of our transgressions.

Open our ears that we may listen with energetic and unaccustomed attention.

Dazzle us afresh with the light of your love.

Forgive us, we pray,

**and transform our living until we become more open to your ways,
more faithful in all that we do.**

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" No. 472

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.**

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Thermond Thompson

BELLS: (8:30 a.m.) "Celebration" Michael Keller
(Chapel Ringers)

(11:00 a.m.) "Fanfare on Old Hundredth" arr. David Angerman
(Middle School Bells)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9 (page 42, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Elaine Drye; (11:00 a.m.) Opal Westmoreland

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: "Open Our Eyes" No. 491

SERMON: "Listen" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN OF INVITATION: "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" No. 231

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Geron Davis
(Mark Auten, Soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "Christ Upon the Mountain Peak" Paul Bowman
(Chancel Choir)

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Jennifer Boger; (11:00 a.m.) Bob Dobbins

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" No. 319

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Majesty" arr. Eugene Thomas

Cassette tapes of the service are available at the sound console located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Guests: Welcome to First Presbyterian on this Lord's Day. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Becky Brantley by her family.

Singspiration '03, our church-wide talent show, will follow a covered-dish supper this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite dishes to share, and book your "act" with Alan Sledge. Childcare will be provided during the talent show.

Saints Alive Trip: Our older adult group is planning a trip to Biltmore Estates in Asheville this Tuesday, March 4. The group will leave at 8:30 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. Cost is \$18, plus lunch and gas money. Please contact Ellen Auten by Monday if you are interested in this trip.

Mission Trip: Fred and Jean Coates are scheduled to leave Mwandia, Zambia, today and should arrive back home on Tuesday. Last week they provided training to the mission hospital workers on how to use and maintain the five notebook computers they took with them. Continue to pray for their safety and the success of their mission trip.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 6:00 p.m. - Pot-Luck Supper & Singspiration '03
- Monday: 1:00 p.m. - Library Committee
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
7:00 p.m. - Small Group, "He Chose the Nails," with Liz Price
- Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Saints Alive leave for Biltmore House
3:00 p.m. - Chapel Ringers
5:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts Troop 591
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Art's Jug
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study
3:30 p.m. - Genesis Ringers
6:30 p.m. - First Place
7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study in the Parlor
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. - Parenting study in the Library
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library
9:30 a.m. - Brownie Troop 778

Camp Grier: Due to scheduling conflicts, the Camp Grier program has been rescheduled for this Wednesday during the Logos/MSM dinner hour. Director Bart Shaw will present a program on the summer camping program at approximately 6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Parents and interested persons are invited to attend. Camp Grier brochures are available in the church office.

Lenten Bible Study: Fred Coates will lead a study of the Gospel of Mark, entitled *Marked for Life*, beginning this Thursday, and continuing each Thursday through April 10, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Invite a friend to attend with you.

Next Sunday we will celebrate Holy Communion and present our 2¢ -A-Meal hunger offering.

Presbyterian Men invite you to join them for their monthly breakfast meeting next Sunday morning, March 9, at 8:30 o'clock in the fellowship hall.

New Members: Last Sunday the following were welcomed to the worship, work and fellowship of our church family:

Mr. Jacob C. "Jake" Barnhardt, Jr., 129 Gainswood Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117, by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Airy, NC.

Ms. Ellen Gaffney, 419 Clay Street, Mooresville, NC 28115, by reaffirmation of faith.

Christian sympathy is extended to Winkie Powell and family in the death of her father on February 20 and to Lynn Gandy and Kim Meadows and their families in the death of their father on February 24.

Lent is a season of forty weekdays and six Sundays, beginning this Wednesday on Ash Wednesday and culminating in Holy Week. During this season the church proclaims, remembers and responds to the atoning death of Christ. The theme of our 2003 Lenten season is *The Summons: Come to the Cross*. Have you been served your summons yet?



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