

1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: Peggy Davidson, Pianist

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25:4-5)

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths;

guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation

and my hope is in you all day long.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"..... No. 252

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our companion on the journey of Lent, keep our hearts strong, for we are tempted to satisfy only the immediate and neglect the effort needed for the long haul. We have given into indulging the momentary and popular and given up on hope and Your persistent work for good. Forgive us for our half-hearted efforts and our willingness to abandon trust in You. Give us faith for the journey, give us patience when the doors seem blocked and grant us hope in the darkest moments. For though Your way may seem hidden, You are ever working new resurrections, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "I Come to the Cross" (Soloist, 8:30 a.m.; Choir, 11:00 a.m.)..... No. 251

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:9-15 (page 33, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Terry Skeen; (11:00 a.m.) Delores Spielman

SERMON: *The Summons: Come to the Cross*

1. "From the Wilderness"..... Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "The Summons"..... No. 350

*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

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "For What Earthly Reason"..... Dottie Rambo

(11:00 a.m.) "Canticle for Lent"..... Eugene Butler

O Lord who through these forty days did suffer for us all, the sick to cure, the lost to seek, to raise up all who fall. We cannot understand the woe your love was meant to bear. O Lamb of God, we only know that all our hopes are there. Your feet the path of suffering trod, your hand the victory won; what shall I render to my God for all that you have done. Abide with us, that so this life of suffering will be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION .. (8:30 a.m.) Carolyn Brawley; (11:00 a.m.) John Donelson

The Sealing of God's Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN OF INVITATION: "Come Share the Lord" No. 696

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

REMOVAL OF ADORNMENTS

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Peggy Davidson, Pianist

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.

Pianist: Appreciation is expressed to Peggy Davidson for serving as pianist today while Christy Floyd is away.

Your 2¢-A-Meal Offering to alleviate world hunger should be placed in one of the special boxes at the rear of the sanctuary today.

Brochures containing information about our church's Lenten activities are at the rear of the sanctuary and in the church office.

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

Lent: As a way to symbolize the significance of this season, the silver appointments in the sanctuary (cross, candlesticks, urns and offering plates) will be replaced with unadorned ones. The theme of our 2003 Lenten season is *The Summons: Come to the Cross*. Were you served your summons?

Logos/MSM will not meet this Wednesday, March 12.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship & Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord No. 6 with Diane Harrington
5:30 p.m. - PYF "Dinner and a Movie"
6:30 p.m. - Personnel Committee in the Library
- Weekday Preschool Committee in Room 308
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee in Room 313
- Commitment Committee in Room 300
7:30 p.m. - Finance Committee in the Session Room
- Witness and Service Committee in Room 315
- Worship Committee in Room 301
- Monday: 3:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the Parlor
6:15 p.m. - Circle No. 3 in the Library
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
7:00 p.m. - Small Group, "Breaking Free" with Liz Price
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith No. 4 in the Parlor
3:00 p.m. - Chapel Ringers
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Bojangles
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study
3:30 p.m. - Genesis Ringers
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship II at Captain's Galley
6:30 p.m. - First Place
7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study in the Parlor
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library
6:00 p.m. - Oldies Night for the entire congregation

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session to follow the 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, March 16, for the purpose of considering and voting on the purchase of the house and lot at 313 West McLelland Avenue (adjacent to the church parking lot) for the price of \$174,000 plus any closing costs.

Name Tags: The name tags recently ordered have arrived and are available for you to pick up today from the table at the rear of the sanctuary. All our members are encouraged to wear name tags for church functions so we can know one another better. Order a name tag (\$4 each, plus shipping and handling), on the friendship pad or by calling the church office.

Oldies Night (Reprise): By popular demand, PYF is sponsoring another special "Oldies Night." Join PYF this Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the "soda shop" (a.k.a. the fellowship hall) for burgers, fixin's and a trip down memory lane. You can wear your poodle skirts and saddle oxfords, don your best "oldies" duds or just come as you are. The event is another fundraiser for the PYF 2003 summer mission trip. A suggested donation of \$5.00 covers the meal and "entertainment." Additional contributions will be welcomed. See any PYF member for "souvenir" tickets, or just come and join us for the fun! It's going to be a blast!



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