

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2003

*Gathering around God's Word*

PRELUDE: .....(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Fred Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 22:23-24, 27-28)

All who worship the Lord, now praise him!

**You belong to Jacob's family and to the people of Israel,  
so fear and honor the Lord!**

The Lord doesn't hate or despise the helpless in all their troubles.

**When I cried out, he listened and did not turn away.**

Everyone on this earth will remember you, Lord.

**People all over the world will turn and worship you,  
because you are in control, the ruler of all nations.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" ..... No. 250

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Christ, you are the Master Carpenter:**

**you fashion yokes for your disciples to bear and crosses for us to carry.**

**We confess that though we call you Lord and Christ, we do not live your way.**

**We name ourselves Christians but avoid the cross.**

**We are disciples without discipline.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and in this Lenten season give us grace and courage**

**to follow on the road that leads to Jerusalem,  
and in the way that leads to the sacrifice of self.**

**By your Holy Spirit, grant us faithfulness**

**not only in our words but also in our deeds.**

**For your name's sake. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE: "I Come to the Cross"..... No. 251

*Proclaiming God's Word*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Eternal Light, Shine In My Heart".....Eugene Englert

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes, eternal pow'r, be my support; eternal wisdom make me wise. Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see; eternal spirit; give me breath, eternal savior come to me. Until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, to know you, to know you my eternal God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:31-38 (page 41, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Dot Campbell; (11:00 a.m.) Jeff Stonestreet

\*HYMN: "The Summons" (verse 1 – soloist/choir; verse 4 – congregation) ..... No. 350

SERMON: *The Summons: Come to the Cross*

2. "From the World" ..... Ed Lewis

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "'Take Up Your Cross,' the Savior Said" (Tune: Hamberg)..... No. 351

\*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

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "In the Garden" .....C. Austin Miles

(Debbie Church, Soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "Fantasy on Southern Folk Hymns"..... arr. Margaret Tucker

(Exaltation Ringers)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Jim McDonnell; (11:00 a.m.) Alicia Miller

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (following 11:00 a.m. service)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

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 second Sunday in Lent. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

**A congregational meeting** will be held following the 11:00 a.m. worship service today 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.

**Lenten Bible Study:** Join the study of the Gospel of Mark, entitled **Marked for Life**, led by Fred Coates in the parlor, 7:30-8:30 p.m. this Thursday, and continuing every Thursday through April 10.

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

**Some name tags** are still on the table at the rear of the sanctuary, ready for their new owners to wear. Order a name tag (\$4 each, plus shipping and handling) on the friendship pad or by calling the church office.

## *Calendar and Announcements*

- Sunday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF - "Zambia Night"
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166  
7:00 p.m. - Small Group, "Breaking Free," with Liz Price
- Tuesday: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon  
3:00 p.m. - Chapel Ringers  
5:00 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 591  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Big Time Subs  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:30 p.m. - Circle No. 5 at the home of Mary Fortanbary
- 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  
7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Christ in Room 310  
7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study in the Parlor
- Friday: 10:30 a.m. - Parenting study in the Library  
6:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Class annual fish fry in the fellowship hall
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library  
9:30 a.m. - Brownie Troop 778  
4:30 p.m. - Logos Program trip

**The Community Pregnancy Center** invites our congregation to the dedication of its new addition at 212 Caldwell Street (at Broad Street beside Southside Baptist Church) this Saturday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Saints Alive:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a cost of \$3. The program will be presented by Beth Paramore, RN, an experienced parish nurse. Issues of health and spirituality, health ministry, and what our church can do to carry out Christ's healing ministry will be addressed.

**The Men's Bible Class annual fish fry** will be held this Friday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All members, former members, wives and widows are invited.

**Logos Trip:** The end-of-the-year trip for our Logos Program (grades 1-6) will be next weekend, March 22-23. Participants should meet in the fellowship hall on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. to rehearse for the musical performance, "Paul & Co.," followed by a pizza supper. The group will then leave for an early evening performance at The Pines at Davidson and an overnight stay at Playberry for Kids in Charlotte. The choir will also perform the musical next Sunday morning at Carmel Presbyterian Church in Charlotte before returning to Mooresville around 2:00 p.m. Payment for the trip (\$30) is due by Saturday, March 23. Questions about the trip should be directed to Alan Sledge (704-664-5275, church 704-664-5665 home).

**Christian sympathy** is extended to Susan Poore and family in the death of her father on March 11.

**Next week** on the third Sunday in Lent: *The Summons: Come to the Cross*, 3. "From the Church" based on John 2:13-22.



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