

April 6, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Meditation at the Cross"..... Albin Whitworth
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119: 10-11, 15-16)

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Hymn of Promise" No. 515

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 51: 1-4, 10-12)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:20-33 (page 101, pew Bible)

8:30 a.m. Bob Campbell; 11:00 a.m. Leeann DeCastro

*HYMN: "At the Cross" No. 258

SERMON: *The Summons: Come to the Cross*

5. "From Desolation" Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hebrews 5: 5, 7-9)

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

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.) "Run to the Cross"..... Mike Harland
(Dorothy Campbell, soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "Come and Mourn with Me a While" Dale Grutenhuis
(Chancel Choir)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (11:00 a.m.) Joe Irwin

*HYMN: "Give Thanks for Life" No. 518

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE: "I Come to the Cross"

POSTLUDE: "Jesus Walked this Lonely Valley" Jack Schrader

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 fourth 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Eleanor Templeton to the glory of God in memory of Frank Templeton on his 65th birthday.

Lenten Bible Study: Fred Coates is leading a study of the Gospel of Mark, entitled *Marked for Life*, each Thursday through April 10, from 7:30-8:30 p.m., in the church parlor. Invite a friend to attend with you. A love offering for the teacher will be received on April 10.

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

Dinner Theater: The entire congregation is invited to a fellowship supper this evening in the fellowship hall. Prepared by hostess Ann Manning and Circles No. 4 and 5, the supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. for \$3 for adults and youth, \$2 for children. Following the meal, the Logos Choir will present the musical *Paul & Co.* A nursery for small children will be provided during the musical. Come and enjoy the food, music and fellowship.

Palm Sunday: All children are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worship services next Sunday, April 13. Children who would like to be in the processional should meet in the parlor immediately prior to the worship services.

Palm Sunday Coat Drive: You are encouraged to bring your used or outgrown winter coats to church next Sunday, symbolically "laying down your coat for Jesus," as part of our observance of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Coats will be donated to the Lake Norman Children's Relief organization and Mooresville Christian Mission.

Logos/MSM Banquet: The Logos/MSM program will conclude the year this Wednesday, April 9. Program participants will follow their regular schedule (4:00-7:15 p.m.), ending with a "Mexican Fiesta" banquet at 6:15 p.m. Weekly adult volunteers are invited to the year-end banquet, and parents are invited to attend the slide show, highlighting pictures taken throughout the year, at approximately 6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
4:30 p.m. - Logos dress rehearsal for *Paul & Co.*
6:00 p.m. - Church night supper and musical *Paul & Co.*
- Monday: 1:00 p.m. - Library Committee
3:00 p.m. - Chapel Ringers
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
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Pie in the Sky Pizza
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry
6:15 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry banquet
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
7:00 p.m. - Sisters-in-Christ (No. 2) in Room 310
7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study in the Parlor
- Friday: 10:30 a.m. - Parenting study in the Library
7:00 p.m. - Small Group "Exploring our Reformed Faith" at the home of Bill and Sandra Harris
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

Confirmation Class along with leaders Ed Lewis and Kim Meadows are on a retreat this weekend at Camp Grier, Old Fort, NC.

Presbyterian Men will hold their monthly breakfast meeting next Sunday, April 13, 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Daryl Harkey, Lincoln County historian, will present the program. All men, senior high age and older, are invited and encouraged to attend.

Next Lord's Day on Passion/Palm Sunday: *The Summons: Come to the Cross, 5.* "From Stinginess," based on Mark 14:1—15:47. Also, children are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

The 2003 International Mission Conference sponsored by Salem Presbytery will be held on Saturday, April 12, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Greensboro. The Rev. Harold Kurtz of Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship will be the keynote speaker, and a variety of workshops will be held. Come, see and hear what God is doing and how you can be involved. Brochures are at the rear of the sanctuary and at the church office.

Baptism is next scheduled for Easter, April 20. If you desire the sacrament for yourself and/or your children, please inform the church office as soon as possible.

Assistive hearing devices are available for persons with hearing difficulties. The devices may be obtained from and returned to the soundboard at the rear of the sanctuary.



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