

Palm/Passion Sunday

**April 13, 2003**

**11:00 a.m.**

***Gathering around God's Word***

PRELUDE: "Open the Gates of the Temple" ..... arr. Norman Johnson  
(Christy Floyd, Organist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Ed Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:24-29)

This is the day of the Lord's victory; let us be happy, let us celebrate!

**Save us, Lord, save us! Give us success, O Lord!**

May God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**From the Temple of the Lord we bless you.**

The Lord is God; he has been good to us.

**With branches in your hands, start the festival and march around the altar.**

You are my God, and I give you thanks; I will proclaim your greatness.

**Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good, and his love is eternal.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ..... No. 267

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... Fred Coates

**Eternal God: in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins.**

**We confess that we have not hailed you as King,**

**or gone before you in the world with praise.**

**For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out,**

**for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power**

**that we may live for justice and peace and tell your loving-kindness;**

**for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

***Proclaiming God's Word***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: "Triumphal Alleluia" ..... Benjamin Harlan

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 14:1-9 (page 48, pew Bible) ..... Tom Kirkland

SERMON: *The Summons: Come to the Cross*

6. "From Stinginess" ..... Ed Lewis

***Responding to God's Word***

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

ANTHEM: "Prayerful Alleluia" ..... Benjamin Harlan

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.**

ANTHEM: "In Pilate's Hall" ..... M. K. Beall/J. Carter

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: "*Crux Fidelis*" ..... Frederick Frahm

English translation: Faithful cross; above all other, one and only noble tree! None in

foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be; sweetest wood and sweetest iron;

sweetest weight is hung on thee!

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Fred Thomas

***Bearing God's Word into the World***

ANTHEM: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ..... arr. Ronald Kaufmann

(Middle School Bells)

(The congregation will join in singing when directed.)

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;**

**love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" ..... Ithamar Conkey

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

**Palm Processional:** All children are encouraged to meet in the parlor prior to the worship service to be a part of the processional this morning.

**"Laying down your coat for Jesus":** Donated coats for the coat drive should be placed in the box in the parlor today or brought to the church office during the coming week. Coats will be donated to Lake Norman Children's Relief and to Mooresville Christian Mission.

**Holy Week Midday Services:** You are invited to attend Community Holy Week Midday Services at Mooresville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, 659 Carpenter Avenue, this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14-16, 12:05-12:30 p.m. each day. The services will be led by area ministers and musicians.

**Maundy Thursday:** You are invited to attend a fellowship supper (\$3 for youth and adults, \$2 for children) at 6:30 p.m. this Thursday in the fellowship hall, followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper and a Tenebrae service. A nursery will be provided for preschool children during the worship service.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** All children are invited to an Easter egg hunt this Saturday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m. Activities begin in the fellowship hall, rain or shine. Children should bring their own baskets. PYF members are needed to help stuff the eggs on Friday, April 18, at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, and to help with the egg hunt on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

**Saints Alive:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held on Tuesday week, April 22, instead of on the regularly scheduled third Tuesday of the month.

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like to be a member of a prayer chain in our church, please indicate your desire on the friendship pad or by calling the church office.

**Easter Lilies:** Have you placed your order and paid for it (\$9 each)?

### *Calendar and Announcements*

- Sunday: 3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord Circle (No. 6) with Catherine Vaughan  
5:30 p.m. - PYF  
6:30 p.m. - Personnel Committee in Room 300  
- Weekday Preschool Committee in the Library  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee in Room 313  
- Commitment Committee in Room 308  
7:30 p.m. - Finance Committee in the Session Room  
- Witness and Service Committee in Room 315  
- Worship Committee in Room 301
- Monday: 12:05 p.m. - Community Midday Service at Mooresville ARP Church  
3:00 p.m. - Chapel Ringers  
- Circle No. 1 in the Parlor  
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ Circle (No. 3) in Session Room  
6:30 p.m. - Junior Scout Troop 735 in Room 322  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166  
7:00 p.m. - Small Group, "Breaking Free," with Liz Price
- Tuesday: 12:05 p.m. - Community Midday Service at Mooresville ARP Church  
5:00 p.m. - Brownie Troop 591  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Fuddrucker's  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166  
7:30 p.m. - Circle No. 5 at the home of Mary Fortanbary
- Wednesday: 12:05 p.m. - Community Midday Service at Mooresville ARP Church  
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. - Maundy Thursday supper and worship service
- Friday: - Weekday Preschool closed  
1:00 p.m. - PYF help prepare for egg hunt
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library  
9:30 a.m. - Brownie Troop 778 in Room 322  
10:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

**Wedding:** Ashley Elizabeth Clark and Jonathan Lee Morris were united in marriage in our sanctuary on April 12. They will be at home at 14900 Forest Mist Way, Charlotte, NC 28273. The flowers in the sanctuary today are from their wedding and are given to the glory of God in memory of their grandparents, James W. Clark, Sr., Thomas M. Parker, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Morris.

**Christian sympathy** is extended to Steve Abernathy and family in death of his father on March 29 and to Phil Heilman and family in the death of his sister on March 30.

**A Port-A-Pit Chicken Barbecue and Silent Auction** will be held on Saturday, May 3, 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Donated items are needed for the auction! You can contact Fred Coates at (704)664-5275 or Jean Coates at (704)663-2114. The barbecue is sponsored by the Witness and Service Committee and our PYF with proceeds going to the PYF mission trip and to Lake Norman Children's Relief.



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