

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

April 20, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Fantasia" Jean Middleswarth
(Christy Floyd, Organist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE (Based on John 1:1, 4-5)

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia.

INTROIT: "Jubilate Deo" arr. Jacques Berthier

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" No. 288

*INVOCATION

God of mercy,

**we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.**

**From the waters of death you raise us with him
and renew your gift of life within us.**

**Increase in our minds and hearts
the risen life we share with Christ,
and help us to grow as your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Sealing of God's Word

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.) Insert

*HYMN: "Christ is Alive!" No. 312

Proclaiming God's Word

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16:1-8 (page 51, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Jim McDonnell; (11:00 a.m.) Judith McLean

ANTHEM: "Resurrection Alleluia" Benjamin Harlan

SERMON: "On Keeping Quiet about Easter" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Thine Is the Glory" No. 310

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 a.m.)

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,**

if we hold it fast:

that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,

that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day,

and that he appeared first to the women,

then to Peter, and to the Twelve,

and then to many faithful witnesses.

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.**

Jesus Christ is the first and the last,

The beginning and the end;

He is our Lord and our God. 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: "Lift High the Cross" arr. Cynthia Dobrinsk
(Exaltation Ringers)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(8:30 a.m.) John Willis; (11:00 a.m.) Megan Kenyon

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" No. 289

POSTLUDE: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Handel

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 day when we celebrate our Lord's victory over sin and death. We invite you to become a part of our church family. Please indicate your interest on the friendship pad.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today at the 11:00 a.m. service to:

Meredith Grace Burton, daughter of Scott and Melanie Burton, 112 Lockerbie Lane. Charlie and Janet Bittinger will serve as sponsors.

Ailey Kaitlyn Nelson, daughter of Nick and Kathy Nelson, 411 Glenwood Drive. Steve and Debby Speaks will serve as sponsors.

Return of Adornments: Silver appointments, which were removed from the sanctuary during Lent, will be returned during the processional hymn today as an expression of our celebration of God's victory over sin and death.

The One Great Hour of Sharing will be received today. This is our opportunity to help relieve human misery and suffering and to fund programs that help people help themselves—all in the name of the risen Christ. The loose offering as well as designated contributions will be our special Easter offering.

Saints Alive: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, April 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall; cost is \$1. Participants are asked to bring one covered dish; the church will provide ham, bread, and iced tea. The program will be presented by Mary McFarland, music director at First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia, who will relate her experiences playing the carillon. The group plans to take a trip to Gastonia's First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, May 7, to hear Mrs. McFarland play the carillon, and to eat lunch together. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in this trip in May.

Our Middle School Ministry will go on a retreat to Garden City, SC, next weekend. Seventh and eighth grade participants will leave this Friday at 3:00 p.m. and return next Sunday around 5:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women will hold their annual birthday dinner on Monday week, April 28, 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. New Presbyterian Women officers will be installed. All women are encouraged to attend. To facilitate planning, please indicate on the friendship pad today your intentions to attend the birthday celebration.

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, about which please contact Fred Coates (704-664-5275) or Jean Coates (704-663-2114). The barbecue is sponsored by the Witness and Service Committee and our PYF with proceeds going to Lake Norman Children's Relief and to the PYF summer mission trip.

Citizenship: Congratulations are expressed to Bruce and Anne Telford, 425 South Magnolia Street, on becoming naturalized citizens of the United States of America on April 14.

Christian sympathy is extended to Joyce Johnson and family in the death of her father on April 17.

Wedding: Denny Dyckes and Betty Ball were united in marriage at First Baptist Church of Statesville, NC, on April 19. When in Mooresville, they will be at home at 184 Oates Road, Mooresville, NC 28117.

Children's worship bags with bulletins and helps for children and parents may be picked up from and returned to the basket at the rear of the sanctuary.

Please inform the church office if you are graduating from school this spring.



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