

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2003

*Gathering around God's Word*

PRELUDE..... Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 133)

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

\*HYMN: "Lift High the Cross"..... No. 287

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy God, help us to be faithful witnesses to the power of Your love. Let our lives mirror Your hope in the midst of despair. Let our deeds be filled. Your compassion in a world of bruising indifference. Let our words be filled with Your Truth when misinformation holds center stage. Let our forgiveness build new bridges of reconciliation that the joy of Easter may linger in our hearts and fill us with courage and dedication, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

*The Sealing of God's Word*

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

*Proclaiming God's Word*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*HYMN: "We Are the Church"..... No. 550

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31 (page 109, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Sue Stevens; (11:00 a.m.) Kerry Miller

\*HYMN: (8:30 a.m.) "Onward, Christian Soldiers"..... No. 509

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Siyahamba" ("We Are Singing")..... Hal Hopson

SERMON: "Our Mwandji Mission"..... Fred Coates

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "We All Are One in Mission"..... No. 552

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

**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

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION .....(8:30 a.m.) Bob Amon; (11:00 a.m.) Carolyn Morrow

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

\*HYMN: "Go to the World!"..... No. 553

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Cassette tapes of the service are available at the sound console located at the rear of the sanctuary.

*Calendar and Announcements*

Sunday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF  
7:30 p.m. - Session meets with the 2003 confirmands and their parents

Monday: 6:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Birthday Dinner in the fellowship hall  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - Salem Presbytery at St. Paul Church of Greensboro  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Applebee's  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. - Weekday Preschool Spring Sing in the fellowship hall

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Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers at Buttery and Beanery  
11:00 a.m. - Port-a-Pit BBQ and Silent Auction in the fellowship hall

**Guests:** Welcome to First Presbyterian Church on this Lord's Day. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation.

**In Memoriam**

**Belus Van Smawley**

March 20 1918 – April 24, 2003

Served as a Deacon since December 21, 1969

Served as an Elder since January 8, 1984

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth...that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Revelation 14:13*

**The Sacrament of Baptism** will be administered today at the 11:00 a.m. service to Duncan Cabell Jordan, son of Andy and Jennifer Jordan, 855 East Center Avenue. Frank and Liz Rader will serve as sponsors.

**The flowers** in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Frances “Manchie” Poore by Frank Poore, Jeff Poore, Manchie Poore Moore and their families.

**Middle School Ministry Retreat:** More than a dozen members of our Middle School Ministry, along with chaperones Jerilyn Fair, Will McIntyre, and Alan and LuAnne Sledge, are at Garden City, SC, this weekend. The group plans to return around 5:00 p.m. today.

**Presbyterian Women** will hold their annual birthday dinner tomorrow, April 28, in the fellowship hall. After a social time beginning at 5:30 p.m., dinner (\$3) will follow at 6:00 o'clock. New Presbyterian Women officers will be installed. We invite you to bring a cleaning household item for “My Sister’s House,” the shelter for Battered Women.

**A Silent Auction and Port-A-Pit Chicken Barbecue** will be held this Saturday, 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. There are many wonderful items in the auction, including several weekend getaways, parties, dinners at some great restaurants, tickets to sporting events, collectors’ items and all kinds of services. Come, eat some delicious chicken and make a winning bid! Donations are still being accepted for the auction (contact Fred Coates, 704-664-5275, or Jean Coates, 704-663-2114), and tickets are on sale for the barbecue at \$7.00 each (includes ½ chicken, beans, slaw, bread, dessert, and drink!). The barbecue is sponsored by the Witness and Service Committee and the silent auction by our PYF with proceeds going to Lake Norman Children’s Relief and the PYF summer mission trip.

**Saints Alive trip:** Saints Alive is planning a trip to Gastonia’s First Presbyterian Church to hear the carillon and eat lunch (\$3) on Wednesday week, May 7. The group plans to leave at 10:15 a.m., and return by 3:00 p.m. Please contact Ellen Auten by Monday, May 5, if you are interested in this trip.

**Camp Grier:** Summer camping sessions are offered at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, June 15 through August 1, for children in rising second through twelfth grades. Participants who pay their total camp fees by this Wednesday, April 30, will receive a free Camp Grier t-shirt when they arrive at camp. Scholarship help is available upon request.

**Christian sympathy** is extended to Vivian Combs and family in the death of her son, the Rev. Bobby Lee Combs, on April 22 and to Joyce Smawley and family in the death of her husband on April 24.

#### **Schedule for next Sunday morning, May 4**

- 8:30 a.m. Early worship service  
Holy Communion and 2¢-A-Meal Hunger Offering
- 9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship  
Confirmation—Commissioning  
Baptism and Holy Communion  
2¢-A-Meal Hunger Offering
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon (\$3 for adults and youth; \$2 for children) for the entire congregation in honor of the confirmands



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