

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "A Charge To Keep Have I" John Innes
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Ed Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 4)

God is gracious to us and hears our prayers.

The Lord hears us when we call.

God has put gladness in our hearts and has filled our lives with peace.

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "The Day of Resurrection!" No. 298

*INVOCATION

Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave.

By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you.

By being raised from the dead,

you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin.

Throughout these fifty days of Easter

we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection.

For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:36b-48 (page 86, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Judith Dellinger; (11:00 a.m.) Cathy Irwin

Service of Baptism and Confirmation-Commissioning

PRESENTATION Al Culp

PROFESSION OF FAITH

For the confirmands:

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
2. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
4. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

For the congregation

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these young Christians, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER Fred Coates

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS Ed Lewis

O Lord, fill _____ with your Holy Spirit.

May he/she live in your love, and serve you always. Amen.

WELCOME

Through their baptism, Curtis Crews and Brittany Meadows have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

Beth Bickett, Amanda Kruse, Andrew McIntyre, Martha Peacock, Kenley Streetman, Jay Trimble and Malcolm Wever, by publicly professing their faith, have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized.

God has called these young people to serve Christ in the world. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

MEDITATION: "Gifts for the Journey" Ed Lewis and Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord" No. 559

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "He Didn't Throw the Clay Away" Gene Reasoner
(Alan Sledge, Soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "I Shall Not Be Moved" arr. Alice Parker

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Debbie Hyatt; (11:00 a.m.) Judith McLean

The Sealing of God's Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Bearing God's Word into the World

*PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Seek Ye First" No. 349

POSTLUDE: "Lamb of God" Carolyn Hamlin

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

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. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

The roses in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the confirmands by their parents.

Baptism: John Curtis Crews and Brittany Megan Meadows will be baptized this morning upon their profession of faith.

Your 2¢-A-Meal Offering to alleviate world hunger should be placed in one of the special boxes at the rear of the sanctuary today.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 12:15 p.m. - Luncheon
3:00 p.m. - 136th anniversary at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church
5:30 p.m. - PYF
7:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee in the Library
- Monday: 1:00 p.m. - Library Committee
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
- Small Group "Breaking Free" with Liz Price
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Kyoto
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166
- Wednesday: 10:15 a.m. - Saints Alive to First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study
6:30 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship II at Captain's Galley
- Friday: 7:00 p.m. - Small Group "Exploring Our Reformed Faith" at the home of Smith and Lois Kirk
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

Confirmation: Members of the Confirmation Class will be received today into the full and active membership of our congregation by profession of faith. We welcome them to the worship, work and fellowship of the church.

Elizabeth Sarah Bickett, 143 Estes Park Drive, Mooresville 28117
John Curtis Crews, 417 East Center Avenue, Mooresville 28115
Amanda Katherine Kruse, 379 Beaten Path Road, Mooresville 28117
Andrew William McIntyre, 213 South Academy Street, Mooresville 28115
Brittany Megan Meadows, 126 High Sail Court, Mooresville 28117
Martha Ann Peacock, 1079 Briarcliff Road, Mooresville 28115
Kenley Elise Streetman, 469 West Lowrance Avenue, Mooresville 28115
Jay Samuel Trimble, 849 Vintage Drive, Mooresville 28115
Malcolm Hampton Wever, 620 Woodberry Drive, Mooresville 28115

Luncheon: The entire congregation is invited to a luncheon to be served in the fellowship hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service today in honor of the confirmands. The cost is \$3 for youth and adults, \$2 for children. Take advantage of the opportunity to greet the confirmands and their families and to share fellowship together.

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

Presbyterian Men will meet for their monthly breakfast meeting next Sunday on Mother's Day at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Wives, girlfriends and children are also invited.

Christian sympathy is extended to Bill Brawley and family in his brother's death on April 30.

Name Tags: Recently ordered name tags have arrived and are available for you to pick up today from the table at the rear of the sanctuary.



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