

4th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

May 11, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "The New 23rd Psalm"..... Carmichael/Peterson/Dykes
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

MINUTE FOR MISSION..... Jackie Justice

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is like the gentle shepherd,

Leading us beyond our wants,

Leading us beyond our fears,

Leading us to a place of rest,

Where we sing the music of God's love,

And feel new strength to walk through the valleys and shadows of life.

*HYMN: "As Your Family Lord, Meet Us Here No. 606

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of resurrection and new beginnings, we thank You for the new life You have given to all who follow the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, inspire us to take a new leap of faith into His loving, Shepherd's arms. Enable us to know the truth of scripture as it speaks of Your victory over sin and death, that may we accept the promises You make for the future. So, we thank You for Your love which continues to lead us into renewed joy and the wonderful living hope we know through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "Happy the Home When God Is There"..... No. 607

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 10:11-18 (pew Bible, page 98)

(8:30 a.m.) Ellen Hinson; (11:00 a.m.) Dick Fortanbary

SERMON: "The Shoving Leopard"..... Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 440

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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: (8:30 a.m.) "Rain Down"..... Jaime Cortez
(Alan Sledge, Soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "How Marvelous Are the Works"..... David Angerman

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Jimmy Pearce; (11:00 a.m.) Jennifer London

Bearing God's Word into the World

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "The Battle Is the Lord's"..... Traditional Hebrew

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.

Special Offering: Today's loose offering as well as designated gifts will provide food parcels for needy persons in Russia through the Slavic Gospel Association.

Graduates: Please notify the church office of members who will graduate from high school, college or graduate school this spring. We want to include their names in the church bulletin and newsletter.

Next Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service our high school graduates will be recognized and Delores Spielman will be ordained to the ministry.

Our Concert Series will conclude the 2002-03 season with a concert by *Testify*, a community youth choir, in our sanctuary next Sunday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. Ashlin Streetman, Kenley Streetman and Jared Parnell from our congregation sing in the choir, which is under the direction of Susan O'Keefe, our former music director. Admission is free, but an offering will be taken to help with the choir's expenses. Following the concert there will be a dessert social in the fellowship hall.

Church School Teacher Appreciation Picnic: All church school teachers and their families are invited to an appreciation picnic this Saturday, May 17, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. at the lake home of Liz Rader's parents. A cookout supper will be served at approximately 6:00 p.m.

"Discover Camp Grier" Day: Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, is hosting a "Discover Camp Grier" open house next Sunday, May 18, at 2:30 p.m., for parents and potential campers. Camp Director Bart Shaw will be available to answer questions and give visitors an opportunity to tour the camp. A hot dog lunch will be served; please call Camp Grier at 828-668-7793 to make reservations.

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.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 7:00 p.m. - Commitment Committee in Room 308
7:30 p.m. - Finance Committee in Session Room
- Witness and Service Committee in Room 315
- Worship Committee in Room 301
- Monday: 3:00 p.m. - Chapel Ringers
6:30 p.m. - Junior Troop No. 735 in Room 322
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: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the Parlor
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Quizno'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
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 619 in Room 322
7:00 p.m. - Sisters-in-Christ (No. 2) in the Parlor
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library
9:30 a.m. - Brownie Troop 778 in Room 322
4:30 p.m. - Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Picnic

Thank You: Grateful appreciation is expressed to all who donated and purchased items in the Silent Auction as well as those who purchased tickets for the Port-a-Pit BBQ on May 3. The auction netted approximately \$3800 for the PYF Summer Mission Trip and the BBQ about \$1200 for the Lake Norman Children's Relief (Belarus).

Vacation Bible School: Register for Vacation Bible School in the church parlor this morning, before and after the worship services. Vacation Bible School will be held June 15-18 at the Mooresville ARP Church, from 6:00-8:30 each evening.

Needed: Volunteers to lead services at Gatling Juvenile Center on Sunday mornings. If interested and willing, contact Thermond Thompson or the church office as soon as possible.

Schedule for next Sunday morning, May 18

- 8:30 a.m. Early worship service
9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship
Recognition of Graduates
Ordination of Delores Swain Spielman
12:05 p.m. A reception to honor graduates and Delores Spielman to be held in Turlington Court and the fellowship hall.



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