

4th Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2004

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Voluntary in A Major"..... William Selby
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32:6-7, 10-11)

We worship you, Lord,
and we should always pray whenever we find out that we have sinned.

Then we won't be swept away by a raging flood.

You are my hiding place!

**You protect me from trouble,
and you put songs in my heart because you have saved me.**

All kinds of troubles will strike the wicked,
but your kindness shields those who trust you, Lord.

And so your good people should celebrate and shout.

*HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation" No. 411

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN OF CONFESSION: "Our Father, We Have Wandered" No. 371

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "Just As I Am" (Verse 4) No. 354

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

Proclaiming God's Word

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "And the Father Will Dance".....Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! And He will joy over you in song! My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries. His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day. Awake, my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God! Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song. And He will joy over you in song! And the Father will dance over you in joy! God rejoices over you in song!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (pew Bible, page 74)..... (8:30 a.m.) Debbie Church
(11:00 a.m.) Elaine Drye

SERMON: *Jordan to Jerusalem: Journey with Jesus*

4. "Returning to Jesus" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Softly and Tenderly" No. 348

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

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

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "Love Was When" Don Wyrzten
(Margaret and Gene Auten)

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Cantilena" Arnold Sherman
(Exaltation Ringers)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: HAMBURG

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Jim McDonnell; (11:00 a.m.) Vickie Eddleman

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Grace Greater than Our Sin" (Verse 1) No. 353

POSTLUDE: "Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night, Jesus I Come to Thee" George Stebbins

Cassette tapes of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Guests: Welcome to First Presbyterian on this fourth Sunday in Lent. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

Lenten Bible Study: Members and friends are invited to the final study this Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dr. Jerry Mills, a Jewish Christian and a retired Presbyterian minister, will conclude his series on "Hebrew Insights into Christian Faith" by addressing the subject "Jesus' Hebrew Parables." A freewill offering will be received as an expression of appreciation to Dr. Mills.

Logos Trip: The end-of-the-year trip for our Logos Program (grades 1-6) will be next weekend, March 27-28. Participants should meet in the fellowship hall on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The group will leave for an early evening performance of the musical, "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit," at The Pines at Davidson. After the performance, the group will travel to Ray's Splash Planet in Charlotte, followed by an overnight stay at Carmel Presbyterian Church. The choir will also perform the musical next Sunday morning at Carmel Presbyterian before returning to Mooresville around 2:00 p.m. Payment for the trip (\$30) is due by Saturday, March 27. Please contact Christina McElroy (704-664-4369), Jennifer Boger (704-660-0715), or Alan Sledge (704-664-5275) with questions about the trip.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - Diaconate meeting in Room 300
4:00 p.m. - New Member Class in Room 300
5:13 p.m. - PYF - Salteens
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
- Monday: 9:15 a.m. - Through the Bible Study
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Brownie Troop 794 in Room 313
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Council at the home of Debbie Church
7:00 p.m. - Small group with Liz Price
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at O'Charley's
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 619 in Room 313
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Junior Troop 939 in Room 313
7:00 p.m. - Sisters-In-Christ Circle (No. 2) in Room 300
7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study in the Parlor
- Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class leaves for retreat at Camp Grier
8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library
4:30 p.m. - Logos Choir rehearsal in the fellowship hall

Our next New Member Inquiry Class will be offered this afternoon from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in Room 300. If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation or want to know more about what it means to be a Christian and/or a Presbyterian, you are invited to attend.

The Confirmation Class will leave this Saturday, 1:00 p.m., for a retreat at Camp Grier. After returning home about 4:00 p.m. next Sunday, the young people who desire to be confirmed will meet with the Session at 7:00 o'clock next Sunday evening.

Saints Alive Trips: The Saints Alive group is planning two trips in April. The first will take place on Tuesday, April 6, when the group plans to travel to Reynolda House and Gardens in Winston-Salem. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m., visit Reynolda Village, eat a Dutch treat lunch, and tour the house and gardens (cost: \$7) before returning to Mooresville in the late afternoon. The second trip is an overnight trip, scheduled for April 22-24, to visit points of interest in and around Roanoke, Virginia, including Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, D-Day Memorial, Virginia Museum of Transportation, O. Winston Link Museum, Peaks of Otter, and other sites. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in either of these trips.

Christian sympathy is extended to Liz Rader and family in the death of her grandmother on March 13.

Next Sunday on the 5th Sunday in Lent

Jordan to Jerusalem: Journey with Jesus: "Loving Jesus"



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