

April 11, 2004

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from *Messiah*... George Handel
(Billie Brawley, Organist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Ed Lewis

BELL INTROIT: "Easter Joy" arr. Douglas Wagner

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.

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

*INVOCATION Fred Coates

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

ANTHEM: "Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal" arr. Alice Parker
(Jen McNeely, soprano; Mark McNeely, bass)

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, as I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.

Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM. And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Oh! Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM. Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Hallelujah...

The Sealing of God's Word

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

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

Proclaiming God's Word

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:1-12 (page 85, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Tom Church; (11:00 a.m.) Allen Brawley

SERMON: *Jordan to Jerusalem: Journey with Jesus*

8. "Rising with Jesus" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.

BELLS: "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. Jane McFadden

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: "Hallelujah" from *Mount of Olives* Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord ye bright angelic

choirs, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim his grace and glory. Hallelujah

unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy...

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(8:30 a.m.) Cindy Ray; (11:00 a.m.) J. D. Donelson

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" (Verse 1) No. 289

POSTLUDE: "An Easter Alleluia" Robert Hughes

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.

Guest Musicians: Appreciation is expressed to Billie Brawley, organ; Peggy Davidson, piano; and Shannon Bates, timpani.

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

Landon Scott Mauney, son of Scott and Valerie Mauney, 719 Pinewood Circle. Mark and Ellen Auten will serve as sponsors.

Jackson Miles Prochaska, son of Paul and Tracey Prochaska, 139 Canvasback Road. Warren and Jennifer Boger will serve as sponsors.

Emily Suzanne Williams, daughter of James and Susan Williams, 144 Harris Farm Road. Mark and Ellen Auten will serve as sponsors.

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.

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.

New Members: Last Sunday the following were welcomed to the worship, work and fellowship of our church family:

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Aultman (John and Janet), 129 Wood Thrush Lane, Mooresville, NC 28117, by transfer of membership from North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, North Wilkesboro, NC. They have a son, Joshua, who is seven years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian P. Dunagan (Brian and Cindy), 158 Levo Drive, Troutman, NC 28166, by transfer of membership from New Perth Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Troutman, NC. They have two children, Galen and Torie, who are twins and are nine years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Faulkenberry (Rick and Martha), 344 Canvasback Road, Mooresville, NC 28117, by transfer of membership from Hickory Grove United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC. They are the parents of Neil Faulkenberry of our congregation.

Mrs. Maria Heilman (Maria), 804 Lone Oak Lane, Mooresville, NC 28115, by reaffirmation of faith. She is married to Phil Heilman of our congregation, and they are the parents of Matthew, Mandy, Charlie, Luz and Philip Heilman.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to visit sights in and around Roanoke, Virginia, on Thursday, April 22, through Saturday, April 24. Cost is approximately \$160. Please contact Ellen Auten by this Wednesday if you are interested in the trip.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jim Schnicker in the death of his brother on March 28.

These Days: The devotional booklets for April, May and June are available without charge at the rear of the sanctuary.

Softball: Anyone interested in exploring the possibility of a recreational softball team, please contact Fred Coates.



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