

Order of Divine Worship
4th Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2004

Gathering around God's Word

MUSICAL MEDITATION: "The First Noel" (8:30 a.m.) English Carol
(Kristin Carpenter, piano)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

PRELUDE: "Carol of the Bells" (8:30 a.m.) M. Leontivich
"What Child Is This" (8:30 a.m.) English Melody
(Keri Carpenter, piano)

"Like A Child" (11:00 a.m.) Daniel Charles Damon
(Janet Aultman, flute and Christy Floyd, organ)

INTROIT: "Once in Royal David's City" (11:00 a.m.) Cecil F. Alexander
(Chancel Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch will grow out of his roots.

**And the Spirit of the lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.**

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" No. 189

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us
by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all
our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and
humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Let us hear again and believe the gracious good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (refrain) Tune: Gloria
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON Fred Coates

ANTHEM: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (8:30 a.m.) arr. P. Sjolund
(Gideon's Torch)

"Christmas Joy" (11:00 a.m.) arr. Michael Helman
(High School Handbells)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH.. (8:30 a.m.) Scott, Valerie, Colton and Landon Mauney
(11:00 a.m.) Ashley and Josh Schaen, Fred and Jean Coates

CAROL: "A Candle Is Burning" Tune: MUELLER
(Words by Sandra Dean, 1986; Music by James Murray, 1887)

**A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above,
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:8-20 (pew Bible, page 55) (8:30 a.m.) Terry Skeen

(11:00 a.m.) Smith Kirk

SERMON: "Christmas IS for Children" Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Born in the Night, Mary's Child" No. 194

*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.**

*GLORIA PATRI: "Glory Be to the Father" No. 734

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: "I Have Seen the Light" (8:30 a.m.) Machen/Sterling
(Gideon's Torch)

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (11:00 a.m.) arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
(Exaltation Ringers, Janet Aultman, flute)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Scott Mauney
(11:00 a.m.) Judith McLean

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 153

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Allegro in F Major" Georg Philipp Telemann
Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

Visitors: Welcome to First Presbyterian 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. ...

Christian sympathy is extended to Terry Skeen and her family in the death of her sister, Elizabeth
Anderson on December 15, 2004, and to the family of Hazel Stevens who died December 17.

In Memoriam

Hazel M. Stevens

April 5, 1924 - December 17, 2004

*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*

Calendar and Announcements

- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
- Tuesday: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Shiki Japanese Restaurant
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers at Debbie Hyatt's home
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
- Friday: 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Saturday: Merry Christmas!

Puppet Show: Everyone is invited to attend a puppet show this morning during the church school hour (9:45-10:40 a.m.) in the fellowship hall. The puppet show, "Mr. Pennypincher's First Christmas," will be presented by youth members of the Presbyterian Puppet Team from North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. Refreshments will be served.

Logos/Middle School Ministry Registration: Registration for second semester Logos/MSM will take place this morning in the church parlor, following the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Returning participants should inform directors Jennifer Boger (704-660-0715), Christina McElroy (704-664-4369), or Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540) of their intent to return. New participants should pick up registration forms and program information. Fees include a \$25 registration fee (new participants only) and a \$40 per semester tuition fee. All payments should be made by Wednesday, January 5, unless prior arrangements have been made. Scholarship help is available upon request. **The second semester registration deadline is next Sunday, December 26.**

Alternative Christmas Gifts may be given in honor of family and/or friends. Members of the Witness and Service Committee will be in the parlor following worship today and the next two Sundays to provide information and to receive your gifts.

Saints Alive luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, December 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$3). The program will feature Christmas traditions, customs, memories and stories, provided by members of the group. All luncheon guests are encouraged to share some of their "Christmas past" with the group.

Cherub Choir: All children, preschool age through first grade, are encouraged to participate in the Cherub Choir at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Please call the church office if you have questions about the choir.

College Fellowship: All college age students are invited to a get-together this afternoon at Starbucks inside Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Birkdale Village in Huntersville. Plan to meet for coffee and conversation at 4:00 p.m., and enjoy Christmas festivities at Birkdale Village. In addition, all college age young adults are invited to a complimentary lunch at Pueblo Grande Mexican Restaurant following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 26. Please call the church office (704-664-5275) to make a lunch reservation.

Christmas Eve Nursery: Adult and teen volunteers are needed to keep the preschool nursery during the 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve services. Please call the church office (704-664-5275) if you are able to provide this important service.

Advanced Driving School for Teens: Thanks to your support, the December 27th and January 3rd classes are full. However, if you would like to submit a Teen's name as an alternate, please contact Terry Stevens: 704-857-6591 (If you are enrolled and have not received a letter, please contact Terry)



First Presbyterian Church

249 West McLelland Avenue
Mooresville, North Carolina

The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him...

Habakkuk 2:20