

Order of Divine Worship  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
December 26, 2004

### *Gathering around God's Word*

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Fred Coates  
PRELUDE: "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" ..... Johann Krieger  
"Allegro" ..... Johann Kittel

(Mary Ellen Auten, organ)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 148).....Ashlin Streetman  
Praise the Lord from heaven, you that live in the heights above.

**Praise the Lord from the earth.**

**girls and young men, old people and children, too.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord!

**His name is greater than all others; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We rejoice, Lord God, in the wondrous gift of new life revealed in the birth of Your Son. Yet we are slow to accept His life as the only source of new life for ourselves. Forgive us, O God, when we sing our carols and hymns without fully accepting Your Son's claim to be Lord of our lives. Lead us in a life of victory over sin, that the praise of our lips will echo the praise of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, Who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**We hear and believe the 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*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:13-23 (pew Bible, page )..... Karen Lackey  
MEDITATION..... Sarah Miller

### *Responding to God's Word*

\*CAROL: "The First Noel".....No.229

\*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 THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Jennifer Barnette

**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

(Ushers: Will Curtis,, Jonathan Pettus, Patrick Brawley and David Lackey)

OFFERTORY: "O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" from *Messiah*.....G. F. Handel  
(Dorothy Campbell, soprano)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Will Curtis

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

### *Bearing God's Word into the World*

\*HYMN: "A Charge to Keep I Have" .....No. 588

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Toccata in E minor"..... Johann Pachelbel

*Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.*

### *Calendar and Announcements*

Sunday: 9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration and installation of new officers  
Logos/MSM Registration in the parlor following worship  
Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price  
Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at McAlister's Deli  
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers  
Saturday: Happy New Year!

**Guests:** Welcome to First Presbyterian on this last Sunday of 2004. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

**Christian Student Sunday** is being observed today. It is a special opportunity for us to recognize our college students and to get reacquainted with them. We are grateful for their leadership in the worship services this morning.

**College Student Lunch:** All college age students are invited to a complimentary lunch at Pueblo Grande Mexican Restaurant, located at 241 South Broad Street, following the worship service this morning. Meet in the parlor immediately following the worship service.

**A congregational meeting** will be held following the worship service today to approve a budget for 2005.

**Logos/Middle School Ministry Registration:** The registration deadline for the second semester of Logos/MSM is today. You may contact Jennifer Boger (704-660-0715), Christina McElroy (704-664-4369), or Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540) if you need to register your child. All tuition payments should be made by Wednesday, January 5, unless prior arrangements have been made. Scholarship help is available upon request. The second semester classes begin Wednesday, January 5.

**End-of-Year Gifts:** Take advantage of the end of this calendar year to fulfill, or exceed, your 2004 commitments to the church. Questions about projects needing support and/or your contributions may be addressed to the church treasurer, LuAnne Sledge.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services next week on the first Sunday of 2005. In addition, we will present our 2¢-A-Meal hunger offering.

**Our church officers, Class of 2004**, will rotate off the Session and Board of Deacons this morning. We express appreciation to them for their dedicated service to Christ and our congregation. They are:

**Elders**

Charles R. Bittinger  
C.P. Chappell, Jr.  
Christine M. Davidson  
Judith G. Jordan  
W. Smith Kirk  
R. Scott Mauney  
John B. Neely, Jr.

**Deacons**

John M. Ahearn  
Mark L. Childers  
Nancy M. Davidson  
H. Thomas Church  
Andrew S. Jordan  
J. Scott Swing  
Thelma A. Vaughan

**Officers-elect** will be ordained and/or installed by the Session this morning. Ordination is the act by which the church sets apart persons to be ministers, elders and deacons, and is accompanied with prayer and the laying on of hands. The office of elder and deacon is perpetual; therefore, those previously ordained to their office will only be installed. Since their election by the congregation last October, all the officers-elect have received instruction in the doctrine and government of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the duties of their office. New officers to be ordained as well as installed are indicated with an asterisk.

**Elders, Class of 2005**

William G. Lackey\*

**Class of 2007**

**Elders**

Millie M. Amon\*  
W. Brent Curtis  
William B. Harris, III  
Richard A. Omohundro  
Lynelle C. Owen\*  
Alan T. Sledge\*  
Paul S. Trimble

**Deacons**

Robert E. Campbell  
Mark W. Garland\*  
Scott K. McElroy\*  
William H. McIntyre, III  
Jennifer S. McNeely\*  
Becky H. Rader\*  
Mike Toma\*

**Graduate:** Congratulations and prayerful best wishes are extended to Jimmy Poteat who graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University earlier this month. Please notify the church office of additional graduations.

**A fellowship supper** of Brunswick stew and fixin's followed by a **concert** featuring the Queen City Ringers will be held Sunday evening, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$3 for adults and youth and \$2 for children.

**Christian sympathy** is extended to Bill Skeen and family in the death of his mother last week.

**Weekday Preschool** will re-open from winter break on Wednesday, January 5.



**First Presbyterian Church**

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Mooresville, North Carolina

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

Habakkuk 2:20