

Order of Divine Worship
2nd Sunday after Christmas
January 2, 2005

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates
PRELUDE: "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here" Melchior Vulpius
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light
And rulers to the brightness of your shining

Let us worship God!
*HYMN: "As with Gladness" No. 236

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends in Christ, hear again 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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON: II Corinthians 5:16-21(pew Bible, page 171) (8:30 a.m.) Carolyn Brawley
(11:00 a.m.) Leeann DeCastro

COMMUNION MEDITATION: "Thank God for New Beginnings" Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" No. 233

***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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.).....Christy Floyd
"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" (11:00 a.m.)..... Louis Benson
(Chancel Choir)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION(8:30 a.m.) Roger Hyatt
(11:00 a.m.) Paul Trimble

Sealing of God's Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "We Thank You, God, for Feeding Us" Tune: AZMON

**We thank You, God, for feeding us in Jesus Christ our Lord:
His body broken is our food, our life, His cleansing blood.**

**Through Him we offer You ourselves – our all, to be Your own;
a holy, living sacrifice to lay before Your throne.**

**So send us out into the world, Your glory to proclaim,
and in Your Holy Spirit's power to live and praise Your name.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Guide My Feet While I Run This Race" Arr. Wendell Whalon
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 first Sunday of 2005. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

Communion: As the elements are distributed today, we ask that you hold them until all have been served and then we will commune together. As the bread and cup are passed, you are invited to say to one another, "The Body of Christ broken for you," and "The Blood of Christ shed for you."

Your-2¢-A-Meal Hunger Offering to alleviate world hunger should be placed in one of the special boxes at the rear of the sanctuary today.

Financially Speaking: Take advantage of the beginning of the new year to complete last year's commitments to the church. Please indicate any contributions which are given to fulfill your 2004. If you have recently transferred stocks or other securities to the church, or will in the future, please inform treasurer LuAnne Sledge so the identity of the donor may be known. Last Sunday the congregation approved a 2005 budget in the amount of \$661,230, a 4% increase over last year's budget. If you have not yet picked up your offering envelopes for this year, please get them today from the table at the rear of the sanctuary. If you cannot find yours, please contact the church office or treasurer LuAnne Sledge. Thank you for your generous and faithful support of the worship and work of our congregation.

Logos/MSM: The Logos/MSM program second semester begins this Wednesday, January 5, at 4:00 p.m. Questions about Logos/MSM should be directed to Christina McElroy (704-664-4369) or Jennifer Boger (704-660-0715). All tuition payments should be turned in by Wednesday, January 5, unless prior arrangements have been made. Scholarship help is available upon request. There will be a meeting for the parents of all new participants on Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.

These Days devotionals for the first quarter of 2005 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Announcements and Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration and Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration and Holy Communion
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens New Year's party
- Monday: 1:00 p.m. - Library Committee
7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
7:30 p.m. - Bible study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Bojangle's
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Senior High handbells
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – Italian Night
6:45 p.m. - Parent's meeting for new Logos/MSM participants only
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 591
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers

A fellowship supper and concert will be held next Sunday, January 9. The dinner consisting of Brunswick stew and "fixin's" will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a concert by the Queen City Ringers. John Johnston, son of Victor and Helen Johnston is a ringer with QCR.

The Presbyterian Men will hold their monthly breakfast meeting in the fellowship hall next Sunday, January 9, at 8:30 a.m. Since this is the first Men's Breakfast of the New Year, there will be some important announcements. The guest speaker will be Joseph Stephens, an instructor for the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety School, who will be sharing tips and techniques for parents and teens to use when they are behind the wheel of the family sedan. The program will be a good follow up to the recent training some of our members have had at the Advanced Driving School. Please call the church office at 704-664-5275 to "reserve" a plate or indicate your interest on the friendship pad.



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

Habakkuk 2:20