

Order of Divine Worship  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
**February 20, 2005**

***Gathering around God's Word***

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: ..... Russell Mase  
MINUTE FOR MISSION: ..... Trent Newell  
PRELUDE: "Panis Angelicus" ..... César Franck  
(Christy Floyd, organist)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

**Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Let them return to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon them.

**For in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Let us worship God!

\*HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ..... No. 68

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

\*RESPONSE: "Oh How He Loves You and Me" ..... No. 270

**Oh how he loves you and me, Oh how he loves you and me; he gave his life, what more could he give? Oh how he loves you, Oh how he loves me, Oh how he loves you and me.**

***Proclaiming God's Word***

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezekiel 36:22-28 (pew Bible page 763) ..... (8:30 a.m.) Diane Harrington  
John 3:1-8 (pew Bible page 89) ..... (11:00 a.m.) Andy Jordan

SERMON: *Conversation at Midnight* – "Born Again, Born Anew" ..... Russell Mase

***Responding to God's Word***

\*HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ..... No. 255

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

**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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY: "The Savior is Waiting" (8:30 a.m.) ..... Ralph Carmichael  
(Eugene Auten)  
"Children of the Heavenly Father" (11:00 a.m.) ..... Richard Scholz  
(Chancel Choir)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Nancy Robinson (11:00 a.m.) Dell Dixon

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

\*HYMN: "Go Now in Peace" ..... No. 717

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Largo Tranquillo" ..... Antonio Vivaldi  
*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.

***Announcements and Calendar***

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Adult handbells  
5:00 p.m. - Catechism Club  
5:13 p.m. - PYF/SALTeens  
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons  
**7:30 p.m. - "Town Hall" Meeting in the parlor**

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price  
7:00 p.m. - VBS Planning Meeting  
7:30 p.m. - Bible study with Fred and Jean Coates

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Panera Bread  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack Meeting in fellowship hall  
7:30 p.m. - High school handbells

Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *President's Day*  
**6:00 p.m. - "Town Hall" Meeting in the parlor**  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers  
7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study in the fellowship hall

Friday 3:30 p.m. - Exploring our Reformed Faith in the parlor

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers  
6:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Blue & Bold Banquet in the fellowship hall

2/27 - Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with the Logos choir  
5:13 p.m. - PYF/SALTeens  
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club  
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

**“Town Hall” meetings:** Please note that you have only two (tonight and Wednesday) opportunities left to attend one of these meetings. If you have not attended a meeting yet, please make every effort to be at one of these meetings. Your input is important to us. Thank you.

**Congratulations** are expressed to Don and Angie Copeland on the birth of their daughter, Audi Madison Copeland, who was born February 13, also to Mark and Victoria Garland on the birth of their son, Chase William Garland, born February 17., and to Abi and Josh Abercrombie on the birth of their daughter, Amanda Maddox Abercrombie on February 17.

**“Project Overcome”:** Everyone is encouraged to participate in “Project Overcome” to provide financial assistance to victims of the recent tsunami disaster in southeast Asia. “Wrist reminders” will be available to purchase (minimum \$1 donation) from Logos/MSM participants in the parlor this morning and will also be available in the church office. The wrist reminders are a tangible reminder for us to pray for the victims of this terrible tragedy, and all money collected will go to the American Red Cross Tsunami Relief Fund.

**Camp Grier:** Brochures for Camp Grier’s 2005 summer camping programs are available in the church office. In addition, Camp Grier is taking applications for summer staff. Interested college-age young adults should contact Camp Grier at [cgrier@campgrier.org](mailto:cgrier@campgrier.org) for more information.

**Saints Alive Trips:** The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to the Southern Spring Home & Garden Show at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart on Thursday, March 3. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m., and return in the late afternoon. Cost is \$7 for tickets. In addition, the group is also planning a trip to see the “Dead Sea Scrolls to the Bible in America” exhibit at Providence Place in High Point on Friday, March 11. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m.; cost is \$8.

**Vacation Bible School:** There will be a meeting of the Vacation Bible School planning committee on Monday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. Anyone interested in helping on the planning committee is encouraged to attend.

**Catechism Club:** Mentors should plan to meet with Catechism Club participants tonight at 5:00 p.m. for recitation of questions.

**Lenten Bible Study:** Members and friends are invited to a study each Thursday in Lent from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**New Member Class:** The next new member class will begin on March 6 in room 222. Anyone who wishes to know more about our church is encouraged to attend this class.

#### CHURCH STAFF

**Ministers:** All the members of the congregation

**Interim Pastor:** Russell Mase

**Director of Music:** Alan Sledge

**Director of Christian Education:** Ellen Auten

**Preschool Director:** Nancy Kortright

**Treasurer:** LuAnne Sledge

**Associate Pastor:** Fred Coates

**Organist:** Christy Floyd

**Secretary:** Nellie Goodman

**Custodian:** Billy Black

**Hostess:** Jennifer Jordan

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

Habakkuk 2:20