

February 27, 2005

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Russell Mase

MINUTE FOR MISSION..... Terry Stevens

PRELUDE: “”.....

(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95: 1-2)

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

*HYMN: “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”..... No. 7

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we find it difficult to cope with change and there are times when we, like those wanderers in the wilderness, choose to exercise selective memories about the past - remembering only the good things and forgetting the bad.

Forgive us, O God, when we fail to trust Your guidance in our lives.

We confess that when we are confronted with crises in our lives, we hunger and thirst for immediate and quick solutions and often blame You, O God, when it does not happen.

Forgive us, O God, when we forget that You are with us in these crises, suffering with us and giving us the strength to cope.

Jesus promised to satisfy our thirst through the gift of His life in us - as living water welling up within us providing a source of unending power and confidence.

Forgive us, O God, when we look to material and physical sources to satisfy our thirst for meaning in our lives.

Remind us, O God, that Your love has been poured as living water into our hearts through the sacrificial love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

As rain replenishes and softens the dried up soil, replenish and soften our hearts with the living water that only Christ can give. In His name we pray. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The proof of God's love is this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE: “Step by Step”..... No. 494

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: “Stand Up” from *Malice in the Palace*..... Allen Pote
(Logos Choir)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 4:5-42 (pew Bible page) (8:30 a.m.) Ellen Hinson
(11:00 a.m.) Elaine Drye

SERMON: “Jesus at the Well – Some Deep Thoughts for Our Shallow Minds” Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”..... No. 591

*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

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: “Fill My Cup, Lord”(8:30 a.m.)..... Richard Blanchard
(Alan Sledge)

“Shine, Jesus Shine” (11:00 a.m.) arr. Peggy Bettcher
(High School Handbells)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(8:30 a.m.) Cindy Ray (11:00 a.m.) Mike Toma

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: “Majesty”..... No. 43

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “”.....
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 expressed to Aimee Culler and her family on the death of her grandmother on February 23.

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today and last Sunday are given to the glory of God in memory of Joe and Gwen Crowell by Nancy and Donnie Robinson and Randy and Jody Oliphant.

“Project Overcome”: “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.

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 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.

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 parlor.

Announcements and Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Logos choir
5:13 p.m. - PYF/SALTeens
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Session meeting
- 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 Ted's Chicken
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Troop 166 in room 313
7:30 p.m. - High school handbells
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Hilarious Hats*
6:15 p.m. - High School Bible Study at the home of Tony and Ginger White
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday 9:30 a.m. - Saints Alive to Southern Spring Show
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 591
7:00 p.m. - Mooresville Users Group in room 310
7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study in the parlor
- Friday: 5:00 p.m. - Mwandu Pancake Dinner/Breakfast
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers
7:00 a.m. - Mwandu Pancake Dinner/Breakfast
- 3/6 - Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship with Middle School Handbells
9:45 a.m. - Church School
9:45 a.m. - New Member Class in room 222
11:00 a.m. - Worship
5:00 p.m. - Catechism Club
6:00 p.m. - Covered Dish Supper and Talent Show

Church e-mail address: When sending e-mail to the church, please use the following address: secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org. The AOL address will be shut down shortly. Thank you.

High School Bible Study: High school students in the 9th through the 12th grade are invited to participate in a Bible study, *Growing in Discipleship*, which is being held at the home of Tony and Ginger White on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.. If you have questions, please call Tony or Ginger at 704-664-4860.

Covered dish supper: The fellowship supper on March 6 will be “pot luck” style, with the church providing the meat and drinks. You will need to bring the side dishes and desserts. Offering baskets will be on the tables to cover the cost of what the church provides. Following the supper, we will have our annual Talent Show. Plan to come and bring enough food to feed your family and have a night of family fun!



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

Habakkuk 2:20