

Order of Divine Worship
5th Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2005

Gathering around God's Word

MUSICAL MEDITATION: "My God and I" (11:00 a.m.).....Sergei Wihtol
(John Westmoreland, piano)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Russell Mase

MINUTE FOR MISSION Scott Mauney

PRELUDE: "Ballade"Richard the Lionhearted
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP

As a father has compassion for his children,

So the Lord has compassion for those who acknowledge him.

As a mother comforts her child

So I will comfort you, says the Lord.

Let us come into the presence of our Maker.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 96

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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. Amen.

*RESPONSE: "O 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: Isaiah 40:9-11(pew Bible page 633) John 3:16-21 (pew Bible page 89)
(8:30 a.m.) Sam Sanders (11:00 a.m.) Bob Campbell

SERMON: *Conversation at Midnight: "Great Good News"* Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 261

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's 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: "Love Led Him to Calvary"(8:30 a.m.)..... Charles Gabriel
(Alan Sledge)

"God So Loved the World" (11:00 a.m.)..... Giovanni Palestrina
(Chancel Choir)

God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(8:30 a.m.)Millie Amon (11:00 a.m.) Curtis Crews

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be" No. 466

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Rigaudon" Andre Campra
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.

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation following the 11:00 service **today** for the sole purpose of determining the size of the Pastor Nominating Committee ("Search Committee") which will be elected by the congregation at a subsequent meeting of the congregation.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Jerilyn Fair and her family on the death of her grandmother in California, on March 8, and to Cindy Ray and her family on the death of her grandmother, Edythe Calloway of Franklin, NC on March 10.

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. Topic: *How, Then, Shall We Worship God?*

Easter Lilies: It is time once again to order lilies to be placed in the church at Easter in memory or in honor of loved ones. The cost is \$9 and you may place orders by calling the office by March 20.

Announcements and Calendar

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
8:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
9:45 a.m. - New Member Class in room 222
11:00 a.m. - Worship and Congregational Meeting
2:30 p.m. - Finance Committee workshop
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
6:30 p.m. - Weekday Preschool committee

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education, Commitment, Personnel, Witness and Service, and Worship Committees

7:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle 1 in the Parlor

6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the parlor

7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price

7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred and Jean Coates

Tuesday: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive

5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Pueblo Grande

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 – *St. Patrick's Day*

6:15 p.m. - High School Bible Study at the home of Tony and Ginger White

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: - **Newsletter Deadline**

10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers

5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 591

7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study in the parlor

Friday:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers

3/20 - Sunday: - **Palm Sunday**

8:30 a.m. - Early Worship

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship and reception of new members

5:13 p.m. - PYF/SALTeens

5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club

7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 15, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (cost is \$3). Following lunch and devotions, the program will be presented by Bob Remsburg, manager of Reed Gold Mine in Midland, NC. Bob will tell about current exhibits and operations at the mine, as well as the history of Reed Gold Mine. Come and bring a friend!

Camp Grier Program: Camp Grier's new director, Dave Cohn, will present an informational program on Camp Grier's summer camping program during the Logos/MSM dinner hour this Wednesday, March 16. Parents are invited to attend the program, which will be held in the fellowship hall at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Palm Sunday Processional: All children are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of either the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, March 20. Children who would like to be in the processional should meet in the parlor immediately prior to the worship service.

Palm Sunday Coat Drive: You are encouraged to bring your used or outgrown winter coats to church next Sunday, symbolically "laying down your coat for Jesus," as part of our observance of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Coats will be donated to the Mooresville Christian Mission.



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

Habakkuk 2:20