

March 27, 2005

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Fred Coates

PRELUDE: "Improvisation on VICTORY" G. P. da Palestrina/Monk
(Christy Floyd, organist)

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE (Based on John 1:1, 4-5)

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia.

INTROIT: "In the Lord Rejoicing" Michael Praetorius
(Chancel Choir)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" No. 295

*INVOCATION Fred Coates

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,

for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

From the waters of death you raise us with him

and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts

the risen life we share with Christ,

and help us to grow as your people

toward the fullness of eternal life with you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" arr. Keith Christopher
(Chancel Choir)

Introduction (*Choir only*)

v. 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply:

Alleluia!

v. 2 (*Choir only*)

v. 3 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

Alleluia!

The Sealing of God's Word

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM Insert

*HYMN: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" No. 677

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Luke 24:1-17 (pew Bible page 85)

Liz Rader (8:30 a.m.) Jackie Justice (11:00 a.m.)

SERMON: "Welcome, Happy Morning" (Luke 24:5) Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Thine Is the Glory" No. 310

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:**

**that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,**

**that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,**

**then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.**

**Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;**

he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*RESPONSE: "The Day of Resurrection" Lancashire

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover
of God. From Death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us
over with hymns of victory.**

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 ANTHEM: "Glorious Everlasting" Thomas Cousins

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jim McDonnell (8:30 a.m.) Cathy Irwin (11:00 a.m.)

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" No. 287

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Christ Arose" arr. John Innes
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:

Easter Day

8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration

Monday:

- Church office closed

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:

5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at CiCi's

6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers

6:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Banquet in fellowship hall

7:30 p.m. - High school handbells

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner
 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM *Backwards Night*
 6:15 p.m. - High School Bible Study
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
 6:00 p.m. - Single Parent Study in room 300
 Friday: 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study with the Omohundros
 Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers
 Sunday, April 3 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 12:00 p.m. - Congregational meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Church supper and Logos musical

Return of Adornments: Silver appointments, which were removed from the sanctuary during Lent, will be returned during the processional hymn today as an expression of our celebration of God's victory over sin and death.

New Members: Last Sunday the following were welcomed to the worship, work and fellowship of our church family: Brian Antemann, Jamie and Tina Brooks, Angie and Chris Creech, Alison and Mark Deaton, Carol and Roy Martin.

Single Parenting Bible Study: A six week Bible study designed for single parents, or anyone who is concerned about issues surrounding single parenting, is scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 30, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 300. The study features a video presentation by Dr. Kevin Leman, and discussion and Bible study following the video. The group plans to have supper together (dutch treat) each week and child care will be provided. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in attending.

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation following the 11:00 a.m. service on April 3 for the purpose of electing a pastor nominating committee.

The flowers in the sanctuary last Sunday are were given to the glory of God and in memory of Les Kunz with gratitude for years of unconditional love by Loretta Fodrie.

The staff wishes each of you a glorious Resurrection Day!

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

Logos choir rehearsal: The Logos choir (grades 1-6) will rehearse for the musical, *Malice in the Palace*, this Saturday, April 2, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Please make every effort to have all Logos participants present for this important rehearsal.

Camp Grier Presentation: Camp Grier Director, Dave Cohn, will present a program on the summer camping programs at Camp Grier at the Logos/MSM dinner hour this Wednesday, March 30. The program will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m., and parents and prospective campers are encouraged to attend. This program was originally scheduled for March 16, and was postponed due to inclement weather.

Silent Auction contributions are still needed in order to make this event a success. Please call Dell Dixon (704-892-4874) or the church office (704-664-5275) with your contribution as soon as possible. The silent auction and Port-A-Pit will be held Saturday, April 23.



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The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him... Habakkuk 2:20