

April 10, 2005

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE: "Trumpet and Organ in Dialogue" L. Nicolas Clerambault
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 116)

I love the Lord who has heard my voice and my prayers.

I will call on the Lord as long as I live.

When I was in the depth of distress and despair I called on the name of the Lord, saying:

"O Lord, I pray, save my life."

What shall I return to the Lord for all this goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will offer all I have promised to the Lord in the presence of all the people.

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN: "O Worship the King" No. 2

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing You?

Often we are so full of ourselves that it's easy to block You right out of our lives.

Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture that obscures the signs pointing to You.

Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart when we don't recognize You in our neighbor, or in the poor or the dispossessed.

Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see You or to recognize Your voice.

Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of Your presence with us. Fill us with the joy of knowing Your continuing presence, so that, like those travelers on the road to Emmaus, we too, hasten to share this great good news with others. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on 1 Peter 1: 18, 23; John 3:17-18)

We know that we were ransomed from futile ways ...with the precious blood of Christ ...and have been born anew through the living and enduring word of God. In this we recognize God's great love for the world revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus ...Who came into the world not to condemn it but to save it.

Those who believe in Him are not condemned. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE: "Step by Step" Rich Mullins
(The PYF chorus will sing through once, congregation will join in and then chorus will conclude)

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You. O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You. I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways; and step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days. And I will follow You all of my days, and I will follow You all of my days. And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" No. 88

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 24:36b-48.....(8:30 a.m.) Sue Stevens (11:00 a.m.) Lynelle Owen

SERMON: "Too Good to Be True!" Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Seek Ye First" No. 349

*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.

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: "Blessed Be Your Name" Beth and Matt Redman
(PYF Chorus)

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name. Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name." Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's as it should be, blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name." You give and take away. You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Winkie Powell (11:00 a.m.) Jim Tyson

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Majesty" No. 43

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Toccata in E Minor" Johann Pachelbel

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 flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rie Hielman by Phil and Maria Heilman.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Nancy Kortright and her family in the death of her step-father on March 24.

Logos Trip: Members of our Logos Program are performing the musical, *Malice in the Palace*, during the church school hour at Carmel Presbyterian Church in Charlotte this morning. The group plans to return to Mooresville by 2:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 3:30 p.m. - Finance Committee forum in the Parlor
 5:00 p.m. - Witness and Service Committee
 5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens
 6:30 p.m. - Weekday Preschool committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Christian Ed, Commitment and Personnel committee meetings
 7:30 p.m. - Evangelism and Finance committee meetings
- Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle 1 in the parlor
 5:00 p.m. - Brownie Troop 794
 6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ in the library
 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166 in the fellowship hall
 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: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith in the parlor
 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Lancaster's BBQ
 6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
 6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 619
 7:30 p.m. - High school handbells
 7:30 p.m. - Women of the Word in the parlor
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
 6:15 p.m. - High School Bible Study at the home of Tony and Ginger White
 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
 6:00 p.m. - Fun and Fellowship at Fat Boy
- Friday: 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of the Omohundros
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers
 9:00 a.m. - "Wiener Dog Race" in the parking lot
- Sunday 4-17 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with MSM Handbells
 12:15 p.m. - Church School Teacher appreciation luncheon
 5:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord at Catherine Vaughan's home
 5:13 p.m. - PYF/SALTeens
 7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons

Port-a-Pit Chicken BBQ: get your tickets now for the upcoming feast on April 23! The \$7.50 ticket gets you a half chicken (cooked to perfection), beans, slaw, roll, dessert and drink. Profits will benefit the Mwandu UCZ Mission Hospital Endowment Fund.

Silent Auction: Reminder – please call Dell Dixon *as soon as possible* with your items for the auction to be held on April 23 in conjunction with the Port-a-Pit BBQ.



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

Habakkuk 2:20

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Camp Grier: Children in rising second through twelfth grades are encouraged to attend summer camping sessions from June 19 through August 5 at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. Brochures are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary. Scholarship help is available. You may also get information about Camp Grier at their website: www.campgrier.org.

Graduates: Please notify the church office of members who will graduate from high school, college or graduate school this spring. We want to include their names in the church bulletin and newsletter. Also, our high school graduates are invited to wear their caps and gowns and be recognized at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, May 22.

New Member Inquiry Classes: Our next classes will be held in Room 222 beginning May 1. If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation or want to know more about what it means to be a Christian and/or a Presbyterian, you are invited to attend. No reservations are needed, and the dress is casual.

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