

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Russell Mase
PRELUDE: "Largo from Concerto in D minor" Antonio Vivaldi
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised. Let us worship God!

*HYMN: "Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him" No. 17

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

The Sealing of God's Word

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

*HYMN: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (11:00 a.m.) No. 677

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 20:3-12 (pew Bible page), I John 4:7-12 (pew Bible page)
(8:30 a.m.) Bob Campbell (11:00 a.m.) Judith McLean

SERMON: "Mother Was Right" Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Happy the Home When God Is There" No. 607

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (8:30 a.m.) The Apostle's Creed Insert

GLORIA PATRI: (8:30 a.m.) "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 forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "Knowing You" Graham Kendrick
(Mark Garland, Solo)

(11:00 a.m.) "There is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Moses Hogan
(Chancel Choir, Dorothy Campbell, soloist)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Ross Culp (11:00 a.m.) Christina McElroy

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" No. 614

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "O My Soul Rejoice with Gladness" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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.

Wedding: Congratulations are extended to Mary Louisa Harwell and Charles Jason Little who were united in marriage in our sanctuary on April 30, 2005. They are residing at 713-65 North-East Drive, Davidson, NC 28036.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Gertrude Melchor who died May 2, 2005.

Name tags: The name tags that were recently ordered are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

The Middle School Handbell Choir will depart for the beach this Friday, May 13 at 3:30 p.m. They will travel to Garden City Retreat in Garden City, SC and will return on Monday, May 16.

The Pastor Nominating Committee has been working diligently on the Church Information Form (CIF), meeting twice a week for the past four weeks. Completing the CIF is the first step in the process of finding a new pastor. The Committee appreciates all the thoughts and prayers thus far and asks that you continue to pray for their work.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Reed Gold Mine in Midland, NC, this Thursday, May 12. The group plans to leave at 11:00 a.m., eat lunch together at the K & W in Concord, and tour the mine and exhibits at 1:00 p.m. While the cost of the tour is free, optional gold panning is \$1.50 per pan.

Saints Alive is also planning a fall trip to the North Carolina mountains, September 19-22. Reservations have been made at the Hemlock Inn in Bryson City, NC. Room rates, which include breakfast and dinner, are \$153 per night, double occupancy, and \$122 per night, single occupancy. A \$50 room deposit will be needed by June 30. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in either of these trips.

Camp Grier Day: Parents and potential campers are encouraged to attend an Open House at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, next Sunday, May 15, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Open House includes an opportunity to take hikes around the camp, tour the facilities, participate in a craft project, and enjoy hot dogs and s'mores at a campfire. Please call 828-668-7793 to make reservations for your family.

For those applying for the Agnes Neel Scholarship, applications need to be turned into the church office no later than May 13, 2005. Please contact Scott Mauney with questions.

The Week Ahead

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
9:45 a.m. - New member class in room 222
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Baptism
7:00 p.m. - Commitment, Personnel, and Worship Committees
7:30 p.m. - Finance and Witness and Service Committees
- Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle 1 in the Parlor
5:00 p.m. - Brownie Troop 794
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Library
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
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 (No. 4) in the parlor
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Pueblo Grande
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 (No. 5)
- 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
11:00 a.m. - Saints Alive trip to Reed's Gold Mine
6:00 p.m. - Single Parent Study in room 300
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scout Banquet
6:00 p.m. - Fun and Fellowship at Fat Boys
- Friday: 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of the Omohundros
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers
- Sunday 5-15: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Baptism
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Catechism recognition and new member reception
3:00 p.m. - Knitting group in the parlor
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6)
5:13 p.m. - PYF/SALTEens
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting
7:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee meeting
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons

In Memoriam

Gertrude Carriker Melchor

November 19, 1917– May 2, 2005

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth...
that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13*



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

Habakkuk 2:20