

Order of Divine Worship
1st Sunday after Christmas
January 1, 2006

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates
PRELUDE: "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam, arr: John Purifoy
(Mary Ellen Auten, piano)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus saysthe Lord: Let not the wise glory in their might, let not the rich glory in their wealth;
But let them glory in this: that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth.
Praise the Lord!

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

*HYMN: "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" No. 728

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen

*RESPONSE: "Go With Us, Lord" No. 747

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON Fred Coates
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 14:21-29 (pew Bible, page 59) Susan Meade
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 16:6-10 (pew Bible, page 128)
SERMON: "'Move Out, Move Up, Move On'" Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" No. 481

*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: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr: Jeanine Yenger
(Mary Ellen Auten, piano)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Becky Rader

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 508

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Toccatina 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 first Sunday of 2005. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

Logos/Middle School Ministry/Kairos Program: The second semester of our church's Logos (grades 1-6), Middle School Ministry (grades 7-8) and Kairos (grades 9-12) program begins this Wednesday, January 4. Payment arrangements for second semester should be made with director Valerie Mauney as soon as possible. There will be a Parent Meeting (for new participants only) this Wednesday, January 4, at 6:45 p.m. in the church library.

Women's Bible Study: "A Woman After God's Own Heart," a ten-week Bible study for women, is scheduled to begin Friday, January 13, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Child care will be available; please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in attending.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Dorothy Baker and family in the death of her husband, Robert on December 29, to Henry Stakely and family in the death of his mother, May Walker Stakely, on December 28, and to the family of Colleen Tobias who passed away on December 27. Colleen was a secretary here at First Presbyterian in the late 1970's.

2006 Blessings

Your Church Staff prayerfully wishes each of you a blessed New Year.

Russell, Fred, Ellen, Alan, Nellie,

Billy, Christy, Nancy, LuAnne, Jennifer & Beth

Announcements and Calendar

- Sunday: 9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
- Monday: - Church Office closed
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Bojangles
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Sports Night*
5:00 p.m. - Kairos
5:30 p.m. - High School Bible Study at the Beavers'
5:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class
6:45 p.m. - Parent's meeting for new Logos/MSM participants in the Library
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
7:00 p.m. - Mooresville User's Group
- Sunday, Jan. 8: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Baptism and Ordination
12:00 p.m. - Congregational meeting to approve budget
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl ministry in parlor
5:13 p.m. - PYF
7:00 p.m. - Committee Organizational meeting & new committee meetings

In Memoriam

Robert H. Baker, Jr.

November 17, 1911 – December 29, 2005

Served our church as a Deacon and Elder since 1942

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