

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Russell Mase

MINUTE FOR MISSION.....Mark Auten

PRELUDE: "All Glory Be To God"Johann Walther
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:1-6, 17-18)

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

*HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 48

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and love, in Jesus Christ You have brought hope to the world and joy to living. Yet darkness hovers in many corners and clings to many minds. Forgive our preoccupations, our predilections and our poor performances that have prevented Your holy light from permeating our lives. Dispel our selfish disregard for others that has kept us from knowing the full power and peace that is possible only in a faithful community united in support and concern. Open our eyes, O God, clear our minds, soften our hearts and enable us truly to walk as children of light, proving to us and to the world that the promises, the possibilities and the power of Your forgiveness in Christ Jesus can overcome anything. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace is too wonderful for us fully to understand.

Yet, God's grace in Christ surrounds us.

Friends in Christ, hear again and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: "Change My Heart, O God"No. 373

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:43-51 (page 88, pew Bible)..... (8:30 a.m.) Mary Ann Karkner
(11:00 a.m.) Smith Kirk

*RESPONSE: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"No. 472

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full on his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

SERMON: "Can Anything Good Come from Nazareth?" Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "You Are My All in All".....No. 427

*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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "Your Grace Still Amazes Me".....Shawn Craig and Connie Harrington
(Alan Sledge)

(11:00 a.m.) "Followers of the Lamb"arr. Dorothy Christopherson
(Chancel Choir; Carl Myrick, soloist)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Ross Culp, (11:00 a.m.) Opal Westmoreland

Sealing of God's Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN OF INVITATION: "Come Share the Lord"No. 696

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "God Be with You"No. 716

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE: "Lead Me, Lord"..... Samuel S. Wesley
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. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

Your-2¢-A-Meal Hunger Offering to alleviate world hunger should be placed in one of the special boxes at the rear of the sanctuary today.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Marshall and Rosie Crouch's 51st wedding anniversary by their children.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Helen Brandien who died January 8.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$3) will be held this Tuesday, January 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The program will focus on the new prescription drug plan, and a representative from the Social Security Administration will present information concerning the new benefits. In addition, Judith McLean has volunteered to assist anyone with applications, online information, and questions about the drug plans. If you would like specific help with your prescriptions, please bring a list of your current prescriptions, along with dosage information.

PYF Ski Trip: registrations need to be turned in by tomorrow. Forms are available on the Youth page of the church's web site (www.moorevillefirstpres.org/youth.htm) or from Fred Coates.

First Annual Chili Cook-off: We still need volunteers to cook a crock pot of chili to share. Please contact Mark Auten at 704-663-2494.

These Days devotionals for the first quarter of 2006 are available in the back of the sanctuary

Our church cookbook will be featured in the Charlotte Observer on Wednesday, January 25. Be sure and look for the article. The cookbooks will be for sale today in the parlor after both services.

Announcements and Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship and Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration and Holy Communion
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No.6) at the home of Margaret Auten
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALT teens
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting
- Monday: - **PYF Ski Trip registration deadline**
7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
7:30 p.m. - Bible study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - Smith Kirk's Bible Study in the library
12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Tony's Pizza
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM - *Flight Night*
5:00 p.m. - Kairos
5:30 p.m. - High School Bible Study at the home of Tony & Ginger White
5:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Christ (No. 2) in the parlor
- Friday: **Newsletter Deadline**
10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study in the parlor
- Sunday 1/22: 8:30 a.m. - PYF Ski Trip departure
8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALT teens
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

In Memoriam

Helen J. Brandien

July 30, 1912 - January 8, 2006

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