

Order of Divine Worship
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 26, 2006

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Russell Mase
PRELUDE: "Jubilate" Alice Jordan
(Christy Floyd, organ)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" No. 106

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

*RESPONSE: "Seek Ye First" No. 349

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you, Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

CHILDREN'S SERMON Fred Coates

Sealing God's Word (11:00 a.m.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Insert

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jonah 4:6-11 (pew Bible, page 816)
(8:30 a.m.) Ellen Hinson, (11:00 a.m.) Mark McNeely

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) ""
(Middle School Handbells)

SERMON: "Grace, Always Grace" Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Grace Alone" No. 436

*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.

*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 forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" Daniel B. Towner
(Christy Floyd, piano)
(11:00 a.m.) "As the Dark Awaits the Dawn" Carl Schalk
(Chancel Choir)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Keri Carpenter, (11:00 a.m.) Emie Crymes

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "For the Healing of the Nations" No. 621

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Joyous Dialogue" Alice Jordan
Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Shirley Crowley, a loving mother and wife, from her husband Byron Crowley and family.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m. to act upon a recommendation of the Pastor Nominating Committee to call a Pastor. **One worship service only** will be held next Sunday, immediately following the congregational meeting. The results of the congregational meeting will be announced following worship.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered this morning during the 11:00 a.m. service to Harrison, Greyson, and Sullivan Deaton, sons of Mark and Allison Deaton; Alyssa Moore, daughter of Danny and Teresa Moore; and Bella James, daughter of Elisa James.

The following new members were received last Sunday: Richard and Sheri Mack, 103 Ivy Creek Lane, Mooresville, NC 28115; Jon and Christine Sands and children, Whitney, Lane and Ross Patrick, 124 River Birch Circle, Mooresville, NC 28115; Roger and Greta McCrea, 104 Pebble Court, Mooresville, NC 28115; Andrea Abele and children, Matt and Rachel, 103 Markham Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115; and Bryanna Stearns, 283 Sweet Martha Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115. We welcome each of these to the family of First Presbyterian Church.

Parents are asked to accompany their children should it be necessary for their children to leave the sanctuary.

Logos Musical Rehearsal: The Logos choir (grades 1-6) will have a dress rehearsal for the musical this Saturday, March 4, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please make every effort to attend.

Logos Musical: Everyone is encouraged to attend the Logos musical performance, *Joseph and the Dream Team Xtreme*, next Sunday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following the performance, everyone is invited to an ice cream sundae dessert social.

Vacation Bible School: There will be a VBS Planning Committee meeting on Monday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Prospect Presbyterian Church. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in attending.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Baptism and MSM Handbells
 3:00 p.m. - Mwandu Meeting in room 300
 5:13 p.m. - PYP
 6:00 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting
- Monday: 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. - PYP Supper Zaxby's
 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 – *Ash Wednesday*
 5:00 p.m. - Kairos
 5:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class
 5:30 p.m. - High School Bible study at the White's home
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
 7:00 p.m. - Mooresville User's Group
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study in the Parlor
- Saturday:
- Sunday 3/5: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Eagle Scout Recognition
 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the parlor
 4:00 p.m. - Youth Council
 5:13 p.m. - PYP
 7:00 p.m. - Logos Musical and Dessert Social



CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All the members of the congregation

Interim Pastor: Russell Mase

Associate Pastor: Fred Coates

Director of Music: Alan Sledge

Organist: Christy Floyd

Director of Christian Education: Ellen Auten

Secretary: Nellie Goodman

Preschool Director: Nancy Kortright

Custodian: Billy Black

Treasurer: LuAnne Sledge

Hostess:

Pastor Emeritus: S. Edwin Lewis

First Presbyterian Church

249 West McLelland Avenue

Mooresville, North Carolina

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

Habakkuk 2:20

For up to date information on worship services, activities, a copy of the latest bulletin and newsletter, please check the church's website at: www.mooresvillefirstpres.org

AN ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation

Persons to be baptized are brought to the font and presented for baptism. Parents promise to fulfill the responsibilities for Christian nurture. Sponsors promise to support those being baptized in their growth in the faith. The congregation promises to love and nurture the newly baptized and to assist them to be faithful disciples.

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ’s ministry of love, peace and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

On behalf of the session, I present **Harrison Andrew Deaton, Greyson Alexander Deaton, Sullivan David Deaton, Alyssa Diane Moore, and Bella Angela James** to receive the sacrament of baptism.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

Do you desire that your child be baptized?

Relying on God’s grace,
do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?

SPONSORS

Do you promise, through prayer and example,
to support and encourage them to be faithful Christians?

CONGREGATION

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture them by word and deed, with love and prayer,
encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

Profession of Faith

Those coming to be baptized, parents, and sponsors make vows, renouncing the ways of evil and affirming the way of Christ. The congregation joins them in affirming the faith of the church in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of 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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

God’s saving acts are remembered with thanksgiving, and the Holy Spirit is invoked, that those who are baptized may have their sins washed away, be reborn to new life, be buried and resurrected with Christ, and be incorporated into the body of Christ.

The Baptism

In the name of the triune God, the minister sprinkles water on the head of each candidate.

Harrison, Greyson, Sullivan, Alyssa and Bella, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Blessing

As a sign of the gift of the Holy Spirit in baptism, the minister lays hands upon the head and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized, praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. A baptismal candle lighted from the paschal candle is given to the newly baptized as a sign of the light which comes from the risen Christ, expressing the link between every baptism and Christ’s death and resurrection.

O Lord, uphold Harrison, Greyson, Sullivan, Alyssa and Bella by your Holy Spirit.
May they know and follow Christ and be faithful members of your church, both now and forever.
Amen.

Harrison, Greyson, Sullivan, Alyssa and Bella, children of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ’s own forever. **Amen.**

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Welcome

The congregation welcomes the newly baptized into the household of God, sharing signs of peace.

Harrison, Greyson, Sullivan, Alyssa and Bella have been received into the one holy universal and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them members of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ’s church
to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.