

*Gathering around God's Word*

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Fred Coates  
PRELUDE: "Prelude in E-Major" ..... César Franck

(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25:8-10)

Good and upright is the Lord;

**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right,

**and teaches the humble his way.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

\*HYMN: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" ..... No. 549

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we begin our Lenten journey, we do want to follow Jesus but we confess our reluctance to face the stress and temptation that the journey might hold for us. We confess that we are sometimes tempted to wish for miracles which would make life easier rather than more stressful. We confess that we want our journeys of faith to be devout but not too daring; comfortable and not too threatening. We confess our fear of following Jesus' way of obedience - the way of the cross. Forgive our sins, O God, and fill us with the joy and peace of Your salvation. Strengthen us during this Lenten season to follow wherever You choose to take us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news. "For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." (1 Peter 3:18) And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE: "Alleluia" (verse 4) ..... No. 316

**I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him.**

*Proclaiming God's Word*

CHILDREN'S SERMON ..... Fred Coates

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "How Great Is Our God" ..... Chris Tomlin

(PYF Worship Band)

(11:00 a.m.) "Meet Me in the Throne Room" from *Joseph and the Dream Team Xtreme*

(Logos Choir)

PRESENTATION OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARD (11:00 a.m.)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:9-15 (page 33, pew Bible) ..... (8:30 a.m.) Terry Skeen

(11:00 a.m.) Judith McLean

MEDITATION: "The First Dove Award" ..... Fred Coates

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God" ..... No. 492

\*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.) "It's the Pits" from *Joseph and the Dream Team Xtreme* ..... David Noel

(Carson McLean, solo)

(11:00 a.m.) "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" ..... arr. Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

(Chancel Choir)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Bob Campbell (11:00 a.m.) Dick Fortanbary

*Sealing of God's Word*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: "Alleluia" (verses 1-2) ..... No. 316

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior.**

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Grand Choer" ..... César Franck

*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 Paul and Willie Allison on their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, March 7, 2006, by their family.

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

**A Lenten Bible Study** will begin this Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Gerald S. Mills of Waxhaw, NC. This often-sought Hebrew-Christian preacher and teacher will be speaking on the Second Coming of Christ on March 9, 23, 30 and April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

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

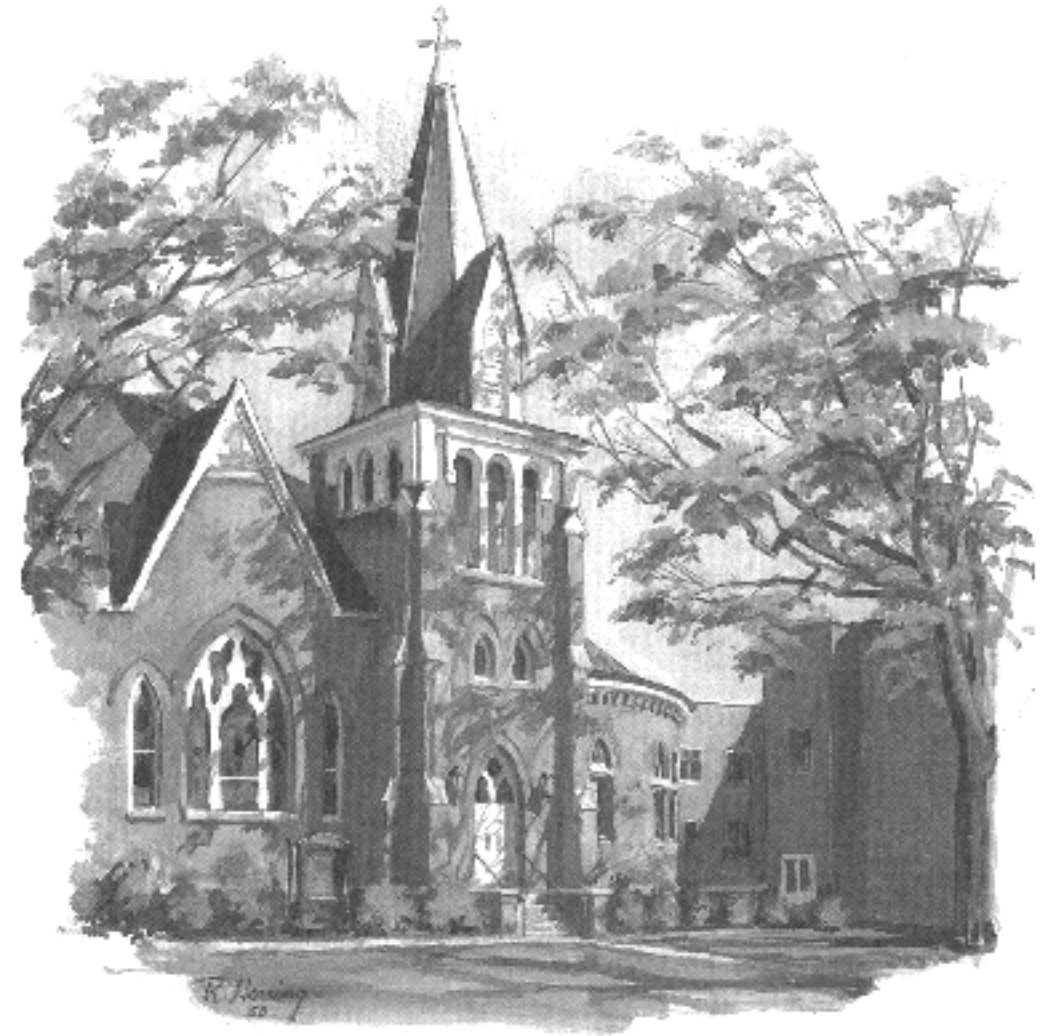
**A Congregational Meeting** has been called for Sunday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m. to act upon a recommendation of the Pastor Nominating Committee to call a Pastor. **One worship service only** will be held next Sunday, immediately following the congregational meeting. The results of the congregational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

**Logos Choir Rehearsal:** The Logos choir (grades 1-6) will have a dress rehearsal for the musical beginning at 5:00 p.m. this afternoon. Choir members only will eat supper upstairs prior to the musical; children should bring \$2 for a pizza supper.

**Our church has an active prayer chain,** with literally hundreds of prayers offered each year on behalf of those in need of God's intercession in their lives. With gratitude to Sondra Pettus for her work as overall chairman of the prayer chain for several years, this responsibility has passed to Margaret Curtis, who has graciously agreed to serve in this capacity. Request for prayer should be forwarded to Margaret, who then will pass the request on through the four divisions of the chain. All requests will be kept confidential within the prayer chain. If you do request prayer, please let the prayer chain know of the outcome. All will beto the glory of God.

### ***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 with Holy Communion and Eagle Scout recognition  
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the parlor  
4:00 p.m. - Youth Council  
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens  
5:30 p.m. - Logos Dress Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. - Logos Musical and Ice Cream Social
- Monday: 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. - Exploring Our Reformed Faith Study in the library  
2:00 p.m. - Library Committee  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at  
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 – *Western 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  
6:30 p.m. - Stewardship Sub Committee  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers  
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Fat Boy's  
7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study with Dr. Gerald Mills
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study in the parlor
- Sunday 3/12: 8:30 a.m. - **No Early Worship**  
8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Congregational Meeting followed by Worship Celebration  
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens  
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings



## **First Presbyterian Church**

249 West McLelland Avenue

Mooreville, North Carolina

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

Habakkuk 2:20