

March 19, 2006

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

PRELUDE: "This is My Father's World" arr. Anna Laura Page
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 96

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeemer God, we have set our affections on things of this world, yet you call us to set our hearts on things above. We pray for your kingdom to come, yet we turn away from your light when it reveals how we have stumbled in our chosen darkness. You have called us to pursue the things that make for peace, yet we continue to wage war. Have mercy on us and all your people, Lord, and save us from the consequences of our sin, through your grace shown to us ultimately in the cross of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

So great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,

So far does he remove our transgressions from us.

If we have truly repented of our sin, God is merciful and just to forgive us.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" No. 490

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON Fred Coates

GO SPEL LESSON: Nahum 1:1-7; 15 (page 822, pew Bible) (8:30 a.m.) Becky Rader
(11:00 a.m.) Cathy Irwin

SERMON: "Trust in God" Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 255

*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.) "Holy is the Lord" Chris Tomlin

(Tony White, solo)

(11:00 a.m.) "The Lord is a Mighty God" Felix Mendelssohn

(Mark McNeely, solo)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Pat Rogers, (11:00 a.m.) Scott Ray

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 458

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Postlude on *Hyfrydol*" Ralph Vaughn Williams

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of and in appreciation of my life with Les Kunz by Loretta Fodrie.

The manse will be open following both services this morning. Members of the Property Committee will be there to show you the manse before renovation work begins this coming week. Come see the "before" so you can better appreciate the "after."

Tickets for the Pancake Meals on Friday, March 24 (5-8 p.m.) and Saturday 25 (7-11 a.m.) are available from Mission Committee members. Come out and enjoy some delicious pancakes and fine fellowship, all to help support the Mwandi Endowment

Logos Trip: Alan Sledge and Ellen Auten along with the members of our Logos Program are on an overnight trip this weekend, and are presenting the musical, *Joseph and the Dream Team Xtreme*, during the church school hour this morning at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, NC. The group plans to return to Mooresville by 2:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, March 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This month's program will feature a speaker from the James K. Polk Memorial in Pineville, NC. All senior adults are encouraged to attend.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to the Dead Sea Scrolls this Friday, March 24. The group plans to leave at 10:30 a.m., eat lunch in Charlotte before touring the exhibit, and return home in the late afternoon. Cost is \$20, plus dutch treat lunch and gas money. An additional trip to the exhibit is being planned for April, date yet to be determined. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in the April trip, as all tickets for the March 24 trip have been reserved.

The Presbyterian Women are actively seeking members who wish to serve in a leadership capacity on the PW Council. If interested, please contact your Circle Moderator or a current member of the Council.

April Newsletter Deadline: All articles for the next newsletter must be in the office by Monday, March 20.

Easter Flowers: Please use the insert in today's bulletin or call the church office to order Easter lilies in memory or in honor of loved ones. They will be placed in the sanctuary during the Easter season and may be taken home after the 11 o'clock worship service on Easter Sunday. The deadline to order lilies is Sunday, April 9.

Announcements and Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at the home of Catherine Vaughan
- PYF travels to the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit
7:00 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting
- Monday: Newsletter 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: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive Luncheon
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Chick-fil-a
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 – *Noah's Ark 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
7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study with Dr. Gerald Mills
- Friday: 10:30 a.m. - Saints Alive to the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit
5:00 p.m. - Pancake Supper to benefit Mwandu Endowment
- Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast to benefit Mwandu Endowment
- Sunday 3/26: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTTeens
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All the members of the congregation

Interim Pastor: Russell Mase

Director of Music: Alan Sledge

Director of Christian Education: Ellen Auten

Preschool Director: Nancy Kortright

Treasurer: LuAnne Sledge

Associate Pastor: Fred Coates

Organist: Christy Floyd

Secretary: Nellie Goodman

Custodian: Billy Black

Hostess:

Pastor Emeritus: S. Edwin Lewis

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.moorestvillefirstpres.org



First Presbyterian Church

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

Habakkuk 2:20