

March 26, 2006

*Gathering around God's Word*

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Russell Mase  
MINUTE FOR MISSION ..... Thermond Thompson  
PRELUDE: "It Is Well With My Soul" ..... Bliss/Berry  
(Peggy Davidson, pianist)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout praises to the Lord!

**With all my heart I will thank the Lord when his people meet.**

The Lord has done many wonderful things!

**And his power to bring justice will never end.**

\*HYMN: "Come, We That Love the Lord" ..... No. 67

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, we confess our many sins today. We have failed you and ourselves by repeating past mistakes, by refusing to grow in spirit, by failing to show your mercy in our lives. We thank you for welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. 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.

**We hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" ..... No. 470

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Redo us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.**

*Proclaiming God's Word*

CHILDREN'S SERMON ..... Fred Coates

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Habakkuk 2:1-8 (page 825, pew Bible)..... (8:30 a.m.) Mary Ann Karriker  
(11:00 a.m.) Judith McLean

SERMON: "The Text Heard Around the World" ..... Russell Mase

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ..... No. 261

\*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.) "Write Your Blessed Name, O Lord, Upon My Heart" .... Dale Grotenhuis  
(Alan Sledge, solo)

(11:00 a.m.) "We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace" ..... Moses Hogan  
(Chancel Choir)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Shannon Bates, (11:00 a.m.) Neil Faulkenberry

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

\*HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult" ..... No. 345

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "My Heart Ever Faithful" ..... J.S. Bach  
*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 Rie Heilman, Phil's sister, by Phil and Maria Heilman.

**Logos/MSM/Kairos will not meet this week.**

**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.

**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.

**The Technical Services Committee** will be hosting sound board training on Sat April 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM – 11:00AM. Sessions are open to all interested parties including those who already manage the sound board during worship.

**The Lenten Bible Study** is continuing on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Come out and be blessed and be a blessing to others.

**Weekday Preschool will be closed** next week for spring break.

**Be making plans for these upcoming Lenten activities:** April 8 is the Confirmation retreat for confirmand class.; April 9 is Palm Sunday with the Palm Procession and Laying Down Our Coats for Jesus; April 13 is Maundy Thursday with a Fellowship Supper followed by the Tenebrae Service; April 15 is the annual Easter Egg Hunt; and finally we culminate with Easter Sunday Worship on April 16. This is a wonderful time of spiritual renewal and we hope that each of you will be blessed by taking part in as many of these activities as you can.

**The spring edition of *These Days*,** a daily devotional, is available at the rear of the sanctuary today. Be sure to pick up your copy.

**These are exciting times** at First Presbyterian Church with lots of activity taking place. If you have access to the Internet, be sure to check the church's website at [www.moorevillefirstpres.org](http://www.moorevillefirstpres.org) on a regular basis for the latest information on what's taking place here. In addition, it is important for each of us to keep our church bathed in prayer daily because our God hears and answers when we pray!

## *Announcements and Calendar*

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
5:13 p.m. - PYF  
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 with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - Exploring Our Reformed Faith Study in the library  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Steak Cheesery  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
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
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - Sound Board Training
- Sunday 4/2: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the parlor  
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens

### **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](http://www.moorestvillefirstpres.org)*



## **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