

Order of Divine Worship

5th Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2006

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Russell Mase

PRELUDE: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee".....Bach/Dykes

(Peggy Davidson, piano)

CALL TO WORSHIP

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Come, let us follow where the Lord leads us. Let us worship God!

*HYMN: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No.111

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Jesus said: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

We live by the grace of God; if we confess our sin, God is gracious and merciful.

Be of good cheer. The promises of God are trustworthy. If we have sincerely confessed our sin, in the name of Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: "Hear My Prayer".....No. 484

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, come and listen to me."

CHILDREN'S SERMON Fred Coates

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Zephaniah 3:14-20..... (pew Bible, page 829)

(8:30 a.m.)Brent Curtis, (11:00 a.m.) Lynelle Owen

SERMON: "Going Home"..... Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" No.264

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's 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

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 and 11:00 a.m.) "Lonesome Valley" Gilbert Martin

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.)Bob Campbell, (11:00 a.m.)Eric Pluer

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Search Me, O God" No.385

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Bach/Elvey

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 on this Lord's Day. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

Thank you to our guest pianist, Peggy Davidson. She is filling in for Christy Floyd who is away on vacation. Christy will return next Sunday.

Our future pastor, Dr. Clay Brown, is being Received and Accepted by Salem Presbytery on April 25, 2006. The Pastor Nominating Committee would like to invite all church members to attend the portion of the meeting that pertains to Dr. Brown in order to show our support for him and his pending ministry. The church will charter a bus (for a nominal fee per person) if there are enough participants signing up to attend the trip. We would leave late in the morning for Winston-Salem and return by mid-afternoon on the 25th. Please let us know your intentions by signing the sign up sheet in the parlor.

Easter Egg Hunt: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. Donations of individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are needed; please bring donations to the church office.

Laying Down Your Coat for Jesus: Everyone is encouraged to bring their used or outgrown winter coats to church next Sunday, April 9, as part of our Palm Sunday observance, symbolically "laying down your coat for Jesus." The coats will be donated to Mooresville Christian Mission. Bring coats to the church parlor prior to the worship services.

Palm Processional: All children are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services next Sunday, April 9. Children should meet in the parlor immediately prior to the worship services. The Logos Choir should plan to meet in the choir room at 10:40 a.m., and will be part of the processional.

Logos/MSM/Kairos: This year's final Logos/MSM/Kairos meeting will be held this Wednesday, April 5. Participants will follow the regular schedule, concluding with a year-end banquet at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All weekly program volunteers are invited to the banquet, and parents are encouraged to attend the year-end slide presentation at 6:45 p.m.

Vacation Bible School: The VBS Planning Committee will meet this Monday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Prospect Presbyterian. Please contact Ellen Auten if you would like to attend the meeting.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship
 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor
 4:00 p.m. - PYF Youth Council
 5:13 p.m. - PYF
- Monday: 6:00 p.m. - Boy Scout banquet in Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
 7:00 p.m. - VBS Meeting at Prospect Presbyterian Church
 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - Library Committee
 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper CiCi'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
 5:00 p.m. - Kairos
 5:30 p.m. - High School Bible study at the White's home
 6:15 p.m. - Logos/MSM/Kairos "Super Sundaes Sock Hop" Banquet
 6:45 p.m. - Logos/MSM/Kairos slide presentation
 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
 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - Sound Board Training
 10:00 a.m. - Confirmation Retreat
- Sunday 4/9: **Palm Sunday**
 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship with Palm Procession
 8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Logos Choir, MSM Handbells and Palm Procession
 5:13 p.m. - PYF
 6:30 p.m. - Preschool Committee
 7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

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
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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

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