

Order of Divine Worship
Palm/Passion Sunday
April 9, 2006

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE: "Processional on 'Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven'"..... Don Husted
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:24-29)

This is the day of the Lord's victory; let us be happy, let us celebrate!

Save us, Lord, save us! Give us success, O Lord!
May God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

From the Temple of the Lord we bless you.
The Lord is God; He has been good to us.

With branches in your hands, start the festival and march around the altar.
You are my God, and I give You thanks; I will proclaim Your greatness.

Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good, and His love is eternal.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna".....No. 267

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God: in Jesus Christ You entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess that we have not hailed You as King, or gone before You in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, O God, and give us such trust in Your power that we may live for justice and peace, and tell of Your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant...and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross." (Philippians 6,7a, 8b) Through Jesus' obedience we are freed from the sin that has enslaved us.

Hosanna! Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE: "I Come to the Cross".....No. 251

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace; I come to the cross where you died in my place. Out of my weakness and into your strength; humbly I come to the cross.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Sounds of Joy".....Susan Geschke
(MSM Handbells)

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 11:1-11..... (pew Bible, page 45)
(8:30 a.m.) Carolyn Brawley, (11:00 a.m.) Elaine Drye

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Into Jerusalem".....Stephen Taranto
(Logos Choir)

SERMON: "Why Are We Doing This?".....Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honor".....No. 265

*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 a.m.) "God of Wonders".....Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong
(PYF Worship Band)

(11:00 a.m.) "Come and See".....Graham Kendrick
(Logos choir and MSM Handbells)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Becky McIntyre, (11:00 a.m.) Paul Trimble

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty".....No. 268

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "All Glory to Jesus".....John Innes
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.

Our future pastor, Dr. Clay Brown, is being received by Salem Presbytery on Tuesday, 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. The group 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.

Congratulations are expressed to Ashlev and Josh Schaen on the birth of a daughter. Campbell Elizabeth on April 4. Campbell joins big brother Jackson, and is the granddaughter of Fred and Jean Coates.

Scholarship Funds: For those who are not aware of it, First Presbyterian Church awards two scholarships each year to qualified high school graduates who attend an accredited college. The scholarships are the **Cora L. Freeze Scholarship** available to seniors graduating from Mooresville High School, Lake Norman High School, and South Iredell High School, with preference given to those planning to major or minor in education, and the **Agnes Preston Neel Scholarship** available to students who are members of First Presbyterian Church, with preference given to those planning to major or minor in music. Contact Roger Hyatt or Bill Harris for more information. Applications are now available in the church office.

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 today. 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.

Magnify Easter Concert will be held Sunday April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Magnify Worship Center on Treynorth Dr. in Cornelius, NC. This is a free event, bring your friends and neighbors.

Church Calendar and Announcements

- Today: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
 - Men's Breakfast
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship
 12:05 p.m. - Softball Team Meeting in the library
 5:13 p.m. - PYF SALT teens
 6:30 p.m. - Preschool Committee meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Budget & Finance, CE, Missions, Property, and Worship & Music
 Committee meetings
- Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 2 in parlor
 6:00 p.m. - Boy Scout banquet in Fellowship Hall
 6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (Circle No. 3) in Session Room
 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: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (Circle No. 4) in parlor
 2:00 p.m. - Library Committee
 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Steak and Hoagie
 6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
 7:15 p.m. - Women of the Word (Circle no. 5) meets at the church to carpool
 to Shirley Crowley's
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
 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 and Harding Rogers
 6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal
 7:15 p.m. - Tenebrae and Communion Service
- Friday: 1:00 p.m. - PYF helps prepare for Easter egg hunt
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - Easter egg hunt (rain or shine!)
- Sunday 4/16 8:30 a.m. - Easter Worship Celebration
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Easter Worship Celebration

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.

Softball Team meeting will be held today immediately following the service in the church library. This will be a very short information only meeting. To turn in registration forms, see Frank Rader.

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	Acting Hostess: Ann Manning
Pastor Emeritus: S. Edwin Lewis	



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

Check the church's website at www.mooresvillefirstpres.org for the latest information.