

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP

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

PRELUDE: "Glorify Thy Name"..... arr. Carolyn Hamlin
(Christy Floyd, Organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 1)

Blessed are those who do not follow evil advice or take the path which leads to wrongdoing.

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord and who meditate on it day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they flourish.

Those who do wrong, however, are like chaff that the wind drives away.

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish.

*HYMN: "We Will Glorify".....No. 337

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of the Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith, O God. So we must come on this glorious day to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of Your Lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though You are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live today with confidence in Your presence with us and in sure and certain hope for life with You forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Apostle John reminds us, "If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:1b-2).

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

(1 Corinthians 15:57)

*RESPONSE: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"..... No. 88

Lord, I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift Your name on high.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

COMMISSIONING OF THE 2006 MWANDI MISSION TEAM (11:00 a.m.)

*HYMN: "Dear Christ, Uplifted from the Earth".....No. 601

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 1:1-11 (pew Bible, page 112).....(8:30 a.m.) Katherine Vaughan
(11:00 a.m.) Tom Kirkland

SERMON: "Look! Up in the Sky!"..... Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!".....No. 322

*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

PRAYERS OF 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.)..... Special Music

(Linda Ervin)

(11:00 a.m.) "Be Joyful and Sing to the Lord"..... Jay Althouse

(Chancel Choir)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Hannah Crawford, (11:00 a.m.) Gretchen Little

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Majesty"..... No. 43

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Lord, Thy Goodness Reigns"..... C.P.E. Bach

Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Bob and Ellen Hinson.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Marjorie Schnicker in the recent death of her brother.

Vacation Bible School: Registration for Vacation Bible School is taking place in the parlor this morning, before and after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Applications are available in the parlor.

The 2006 Mwandu Mission Team will be commissioned this morning during the 11:00 a.m. service. They will be traveling to Mwandu, Zambia, June 13-27, to work at the Mwandu UCZ Mission. The team, comprised of members of FPC and Lake Norman Fellowship (our "daughter" congregation) will be assisting with the Orphan's and Vulnerable Children's (OVC) program, working in the hospital, preparing a video documentary and upgrading the communications infrastructure. The members are Jack Aheam (FPC), Alex Aheam (FPC), Fred Coates (FPC), Jean Coates (FPC), Kellie Jones (LNF), Doug Vinez (LNF), Emily Vinez (LNF) and Lindsey Wright (LNF). A commissioning service for the team was also scheduled this morning at the 10:00 a.m. Lake Norman Fellowship service. Please pray for the team's safe travel and the successful completion of their mission tasks.

Manse Fund: Please join others in our church family who have made a pledge to the manse fund. Our new pastor will be moving into the manse early in June. Renovation of the manse is ahead of schedule, but **we need your help.** Pledge cards are in the pews. Please fill one out and mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

A Chicken Port-A-Pit will be held at the Mooresville AR Presbyterian Church on Thursday, June 8, to benefit Samaritan's International, a group that helps fund feeding programs for children, including the OVC Center in Mwandu, Zambia. Contact Dr. Mike Campbell for tickets or more information.

Eagle Scout Award: Ryan Kirkland will be receiving his Eagle Scout award at the 11:00 a.m. service this morning. Ryan, the son of Emily and Tom Kirkland, is a member of Troop 173. For his service project, Ryan installed two brick sidewalks, a brick courtyard and illuminated the surrounding planters at Lake Norman High School.

Girl Scout Gold Award: Congratulations are expressed to Meghan Abernathy who recently received her Girl Scout Gold Award which is the girl scout equivalent to the Eagle Scout award. For her project, "A New Beginning," she landscaped an area at Woodland Heights Elementary School which included building a bench and a birdfeeder. Meghan is the daughter of Jane and Steve Abernathy.

2006 Church Directories are ready and available for pick-up at the rear of the sanctuary today. We request that each household take only one directory. Thank you.

Announcements and Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship with Eagle Scout presentation
 3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at the home of Carolyn Brawley
 7:00 p.m. - Session
- Monday: **Memorial Day – Church office closed**
 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
- 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 Camille's
 6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
 7:00 p.m. - PYF Worship Band rehearsal
- 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
 7:00 p.m. - Mooresville User's Group in room 310
- Friday: 9:30 a.m. - Preschool Graduation in Fellowship Hall
- Saturday: PYF to Carowinds Sonfest
- Sunday 6/4: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with High School Graduate recognition
 12:00 p.m. - Graduate Reception in Fellowship Hall
 4:00 p.m. - Men's soft ball practice at Penske
 5:13 p.m. - PYF Scavenger Hunt

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All the members of the congregation

Pastor: Clay Brown

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

Hostess: (position currently vacant)

Pastor Emeritus: S. Edwin Lewis



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

Habakkuk 2:20