

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

**April 1, 2007**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**11:00 A.M.**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP..... The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor

Welcome and Friendship Pads

Announcements

Invocation

PRELUDE: *The Royal Banners Forward Go*.....Held

Joanne Daykin, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*.....No. 268

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON..... The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God: in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more, that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and we are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn pride and greed. In your mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: *At the Cross (Refrain)*.....No. 258

***At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away, it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!***

ANTHEM: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*.....arr. Dobrinski

Middle School Ministry Handbells and organ

CHILDREN’S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 19:28-40.....Pew Bible, p. 79

Mike Toma, Reader

\*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.**

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

PASTORAL PRAYER 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, for ever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*..... Colvin

Logos Choir

\*Doxology: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*..... No. 34

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

SERMON

**Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75 (Insert)**

***Living on Your Growing Edge: Discipleship with the Apostle Peter Sermon Series***

**“When You’ve Blown It”**

**Dr. Brown**

\*HYMN: *I Need Thee Every Hour* (Verses 1,2,3).....No. 476

\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: *I Need Thee Every Hour* (Verse 4).....No. 476

POSTLUDE: *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*..... Near

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\* **Those who are able** will please stand.

**If you are our guest today**, welcome to First Presbyterian! We’re so glad you’re worshiping with us. For more information, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and speak with one of the pastors following the service. God bless you! Please return to worship with us again.

**You can become a member of First Presbyterian TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of church membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Elders from the Session meet after every service to receive new members. Please speak with Fred Coates, our associate pastor, in the Parlor following today’s service.

**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** this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Martha Gragg and Janette McDaniel, residents of Genesis Eldercare by Joanne Cantrell.

## *Announcements*

**Maundy Thursday Church Supper with Tenebrae and Communion Service April 5:** You are encouraged to attend a Maundy Thursday fellowship supper at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This day takes its name from the new “mandate” Jesus gave his disciples to “love one another” and from the institution of the Lord’s Supper to be done “in remembrance of me.” After supper we will worship together, beginning at about 7:15 p.m., featuring the celebration of Holy Communion and a service of Tenebrae. Tenebrae means darkness, and during the service the lights are extinguished to commemorate the suffering and death of Christ. Childcare will be provided for preschoolers during the worship service. Plan to be a part of this special evening for food, fellowship, and inspiration as we dine with Jesus and walk with him to the cross, preparing for the celebration of Easter.

**Memorial Day Holiday Mission Trip to Mexico:** We are planning to “piggyback” with the good folks at Grace Presbyterian in Houston, Texas (Clay Brown’s previous church) and join them on their annual Memorial Day mission trip to Mexico. Our part of the “expedition” will be led by Dr. Brown. The group will be leaving Charlotte and arriving in Mexico via Houston on Thursday, May 24, and returning to Houston on Tuesday, May 29, and then to Charlotte on Wednesday, May 30. The cost is \$700 per person. We will be helping to build a church on the Yucatan Peninsula in the Playa del Carmen area. If you wish to participate, you need to be 18 years of age or older, have a willingness to work hard, and have a valid U.S. passport. The ability to speak Spanish is a real plus, but not needed. **Please contact Fred Coates or Clay Brown immediately if you are interested in the trip. Space is very limited!**

**Palm Processional:** All children are encouraged to participate in the Palm Processional this morning at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Children should meet in the parlor immediately prior to the worship services.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** All children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. Candy donations are needed and appreciated and may be left in the box in the church office – please include only individually wrapped candy. PYF members should plan to meet for an “egg-stuffing party” this Friday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Logos/MSM/Kairos Banquet:** All weekly adult volunteers are invited to the year-end Logos/MSM/Kairos banquet this Wednesday, April 4, at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Parents are invited to the year-end slide show, beginning around 6:45 p.m., also in the fellowship hall. Logos/MSM/Kairos participants will follow a regular schedule this Wednesday.

**“March MADness” Victory Celebration Breakfast:** Everyone is invited to the “March MADness” Victory Celebration Breakfast this morning from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come enjoy breakfast foods and hear a report on church school’s successful March Attendance Dash. Following the breakfast, plan to attend church school – classes are available for all ages.

**Parenting Bible Study:** Parents of all ages are invited to attend a seven-week study, *Value-Packed Parenting: Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World*, beginning Tuesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. The class will be led by Ellen Auten, using a video presentation by Dr. Kevin Leman, with group discussion and Bible study following the video. PYF members will be offering child care as a fund raiser for their upcoming Mission Trip. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to register for the class and/or to request child care.

*These Days*, our quarterly devotional, is available in the rear of the sanctuary this morning.



## 11:00 a.m. Worship 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

## Calendar

Sunday 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship with Palm Procession  
9:30 a.m. - "MAD" Victory Celebration in the Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Palm Procession , Logos Choir and MSM Handbells  
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF  
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF  
Lent in the Living Room

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts in the Scout building  
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Banquet in the Fellowship Hall  
- Lent in the Living Room

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - Library committee  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Wendy's  
6:00 p.m. - Brownies in Room 219  
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166  
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
Lent in the Living Room

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM –*Nascar Night*  
5:00 p.m. - Kairos  
6:15 p.m. - Year-end Banquet  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir  
Lent in the Living Room

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Harding & Peggy Rogers  
6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Supper and Service

Friday: 1:00 p.m. - Set-up for Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 4/1: - **Resurrection Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Dennis Ladd; Eddie Miller; Frances Hunter; Martha Andrews; Eliza Good; Dr. William Wood, Tim Wood's father; Terry Stevens; Anne Lowe; John McClure; Cpl. James Gordon, USN; Capt. Scott Goodrich, U.S. Army, Iraq (nephew of Sue Kopecek) and Laban Thompson and shipmates on the USS Guardian.

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<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." <sup>71</sup>And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup>And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup>Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

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