

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 15, 2007

Second Sunday in Easter

11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP The Rev. Dr. Fred A. Coates, Associate Pastor

Welcome and Friendship Pads

Announcements

Invocation

PRELUDE: *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*.....Daly

Joanne Daykin, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: *The Day of Resurrection!*..... No.298

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: *He Is Lord*..... No. 305

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41..... Pew Bible, p.113

Reader: Dorothy Campbell

***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.

*HYMN: *Hymn of Promise*..... No. 515

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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory: *If You Search With All Your Heart*..... Courtney

Chancel 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

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Luke 24:13-35 (Insert)

“Where Have YOU Been?”

Dr. Coates

*HYMN: *O Jesus, I Have Promised (vv. 1-2)*..... No. 458

***INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

*RESPONSE: *O Jesus, I Have Promised (v.3)* No. 458

*POSTLUDE: *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*Held

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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 worshipping 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 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 memory of Sidney G. Carpenter by Jimmy and Janie Carpenter and family.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Jimmy Carpenter and family in the death of his brother, Sidney G. Carpenter of Mooresville on April 9 and to Ellen Hinson and family in the recent death of her brother, Marvin H. Sloan, Jr. of Indian Trail.

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FOCUS ON JESUS Sermon Series on the Gospel of Mark begins April 22: In two weeks, we will start a new sermon series that puts the spotlight right where it belongs—on Jesus Christ. **FOCUS ON JESUS** will lead us through the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end. Mini-series within the overall series will provide helpful clarity and variety as we work through this Gospel. The preaching schedule for April and May is:

April 22	Mark 1:1	Introduction to <i>FOCUS ON JESUS</i> and Mark
April 29	Mark 1:2-8	"All About Jesus: The Promised One"
May 6	Mark 1:9-13	"All About Jesus: The Prepared One"
May 13	Mark 1:14-20	"All About Jesus: The Compelling One"
May 20	Mark 1:21-34	"All About Jesus: The Authoritative One"
May 27	Mark 1:35-45	"All About Jesus: The Compassionate One"

We will also provide an optional resource to help you in your personal study of the Gospel of Mark: *Mark for Everyone*. Its author is Tom (N. T.) Wright, one of the most well-known and capable Biblical scholars of this generation. His writing in *Mark for Everyone*, however, is for the average churchgoer. The passages outlined in *Mark for Everyone* correspond with those in our sermon series, so you can read and study as we go. ***Mark for Everyone* will be available for pickup in the Parlor on Sun., April 22.** The books are free, and we encourage donations to help with the costs; \$12 is suggested.

Discover First Pres Sun., May 20: If you are considering becoming part of our church, or if you're a new member who wants to know more about the congregation, then an excellent opportunity is coming your way! *Discover First Pres* is set for Sunday, May 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m. We'll begin with a dessert reception at the manse (next to the church) hosted by our pastor and his wife, Clay and Cathy Brown. Then we'll move to the church for a tour and a brief introduction to all things Presbyterian led by Dr. Brown. Meeting people, sharing information, and having a good time are the watch words of the evening. Pre-registration is required. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact the church office at secretary@moorvillefirstpres.org or 704-664-5275. Child care is available if requested in advance—let us know when you register.

Announcements are continued on the back of the calendar page.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

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Sunday 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at the home of Catherine Vaughan
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings
7:00 p.m. - Diaconate

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the parlor
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166 in the Scout Hut
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred and Jean Coates

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - Exploring Our Reformed Faith group in the Library
12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Greg's Bar-B-Que
6:00 p.m. - Brownies in Room 219
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
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10:45 a.m. - Saints Alive to the Transportation Museum

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New Organist Begins May 1: We are pleased to announce Steve Mowery will begin as our organist May 1, with May 6 his first Sunday with us. In addition to his musical expertise and experience as organist and music director in various churches, Steve is also a PCUSA minister and has served as pastor at two North Carolina congregations. More information about Steve will be in the May newsletter. We look forward to his service with us.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, April 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following lunch and devotions, the program will be presented by a member of the staff at the North Carolina Transportation Museum, focusing on the history and importance of transportation in North Carolina. Come and bring a friend!

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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 this 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. Topics covered during the study include parenting basics, communication, discipline, self-confidence, anger, birth order, and issues relating to the internet and technology. 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.

Camp Grier: Summer camping sessions are offered at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, for children and youth in rising second through twelfth grades, with weekly camp sessions held June 17 through August 3. Brochures are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary; information is also available on its website: www.campgrier.org. Scholarship help is available.

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Luke 24:13-35 (ESV)

SERMON TEXT

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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