



First Presbyterian Church

Statesville, North Carolina

Founded 1753

Organized 1764

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

*On entering the sanctuary, let us be reverent in silence,
fervent in prayer, hearty in praise,
and expectant of God's presence.*

March 7, 2010

Eleven o'clock

THE GREETING

THE PRELUDE

"Morning Prayer"
"What Wondrous Love Is This?"
Adult Handbell Choir

Waldrop
arr. Berry and VanValey

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

People: **We will take your yoke upon us, Lord, and learn from you;
for you are gentle and lowly in heart,
and we will find rest for our souls.**

Leader: For my yoke is easy,

People: **and your burden is light.**

– adapted from Matt. 11:28-30

Leader: Let us worship God.

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 457 *"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"* TOULON

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

Psalm 51:1-17

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

*The Congregation stands.

**Latecomers may be seated.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
**For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

THE SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

THE KYRIE

*Choir Only: Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

IN BABILONE

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

**THE CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Please sign and pass the register and, noting one another's names, return it.

THE CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

Children younger than kindergarten age may go to the nursery.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

(following each reading)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 55:1-3a, 6-9
Pew Bible, O.T., pp. 685-686

THE ANTHEM

"Come to the Waters"
Jerry Keys, tenor; Bryan George, baritone

Handel

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 13:1-9
Pew Bible, N.T., p. 76

THE SERMON

"Do Bad Things Happen Only to Bad People?"

Steve Scott

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed (ecumenical version)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*THE HYMN 361, verses 1 – 2 *“How Firm a Foundation”*

FOUNDATION

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

“Jesus, Have Mercy”
Sanctuary Choir and Adult Handbell Choir

Ockeghem

*THE DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH (592)

*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.*

*THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: ...Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with
choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who
forever sing to the glory of your name:

All (singing): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, LAND OF REST
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

(The prayer continues and concludes with ...)

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

Cups in the trays contain red wine or white grape juice. Worshipers may partake of the cup as they receive it or hold it to partake with the minister after everyone has been served.

AT THE COMMUNION

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Mozart

Sanctuary Choir

Ave verum Corpus natum

De Maria Virgine:

Vere passum, immolatum

In cruce pro homine:

Cuius latus perforatum

Fluxit aqua et sanguine:

Esto nobis praegustatum

Mortis in examine.

Hail, true body,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Truly suffered, sacrificed

On the Cross for mankind,

Whose pierced side

Flowed with water and blood,

Be for us a foretaste

In the trial of death.

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(singing)*

Choir: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!

Choir: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: And forget not all God’s benefits.

— Psalm 103:1-2

THE PRAYER

***THE HYMN 361, verses 3 – 5**

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

Dubois

Sanctuary Choir

***THE POSTLUDE**

“O Man, Bewail Thy Greivous Fall”

Bach

Scripture readings for next Sunday, March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Steve Scott Preaching

Sermon: “Come Home”

A WARM WELCOME in the name of Jesus Christ is extended to everyone worshipping with us. If you have any questions about our church or if you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please speak to the minister or one of the elders. You may join the Presbyterian Church by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer of your letter from another church.

NEW COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES: During the season of Lent First Presbyterian Church is offering more frequent celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Consider taking advantage of these opportunities for spiritual growth. Besides our regular celebration of the sacrament at 11:00 on Sunday, March 7, informal services will be held in the chapel at 9:15 a.m. on March 14, 21, and 28.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of George Addison Scott from the family.

USHERS TODAY: John Koppelmeyer, Beth Davidson, Billy Grose, Stewart Kincaid, Caleb Koppelmeyer, Sydney Koppelmeyer

USHERS NEXT SUNDAY: Dennis Setzer, Judy Watts, Chad Collins, Wendell Worthington, Amanda Downs, Anne Carpenter

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	Today	Next Sunday
Baby Nursery	Jill Gillis	Zeke Sipprell
Preschool Nursery	Jean Land	Lisa McBane

MARCH RESPONSIBILITIES:

On Call Elders	Harriet Gilbert and Sally Parker
Sanctuary Guild	Betty Cherry and Teresa Kutteh
Opening and Closing the Church	Rhyne Scott

IN THE HOSPITAL THIS WEEK:

Mary Coley	Iredell
Jeanne Staples	Iredell
Margret Svoboda	Davis
Dot Morgan	Now at home
Elaine Walle	Now at home

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at Wednesday Vespers on March 17.

MISSIONFEST 2010: Next Sunday, March 14, 2010 the youth of FPC Statesville will be hosting Missionfest 2010, a celebration of what God is doing around the world, and in their daily lives. This is our opportunity as a congregation to join with and support the youth as we begin a season of fundraising for the 2010 Summer Mission Trip. Come celebrate the mission of the church with your church family! On the menu: Port-a-Pit Chicken with beans and slaw, homemade desserts and a drink all for \$10 a box! Youth will be available to make home deliveries as well so call the church this week with your RSVP or home order. All proceeds go to benefit the Youth Summer Mission Fund.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on Sunday, March 14. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night!

COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE: First Presbyterian Church will be housing three different collegiate groups from March 7 - 27. These students will be in Statesville to assist Habitat for Humanity in their current builds at Fourth Creek Village. They will be using the Fourth Creek Meeting Hall as well as the Youth room for living quarters during their time here. Please respect our visitors' privacy during their stay with us.

LILIES: Again this year we are placing lilies in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4. You may donate a lily in honor or memory of someone. You may pick up your lily after the service on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$12.50 each. Order forms are available outside the church office and in the Fourth Creek Journal. Please turn your form along with your money in to the church office by Monday, March 22. Names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

THE CHURCH AT WORK: STUDY, SHARE, SERVE

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:40 a.m.	Session
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Christian Action
	12:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee
	5:00 p.m.	CHI (Junior High Youth)
	6:00 p.m.	KTL (Senior High Youth)
Monday	2:00 p.m.	Circle 2
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Circle 1
	11:00 a.m.	Staff
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Adult Handbell Choir
	4:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir
	4:30 p.m.	Junior Choir
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Handbell Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Vespers
	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday, March 14, 2010	9:15 a.m.	Chapel Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:30 p.m.	Missionfest