

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4th Sunday in Lent
March 2, 2008

The Collect for Mediation & Personal Reflection

“The good news of the resurrection is not that we shall die and go home with Jesus, but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick prisoner brothers with him.”

Clarence Jordan

GATHERING

Prelude Michael Rorex

Welcome & Concerns of the Church Mike Pierce

Minute For Mission - One Great Hour of Sharing

*Introit *Come Now and Worship the Lord* Choir

*Call to Worship

L. Here, in this place, with these people,

P. we find the One who leads us into God's Kingdom.

L. Here, in God's Kingdom, with our sisters and brothers in Christ,

P. we find a Feast prepared for us.

L. Here, in God's sanctuary, at this Table,

P. we eat of the good news which heals us, we drink of the mercy which is God's gift.

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* #411

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God our Great Shepherd: it is easy for us to lose sight of your kingdom, and your way for us. We hope that love conquers hate, that light shines in our shadows, that life is stronger than death--yet our lips are filled with bitter words, our lives are weak and shallow, the darkened corners of the world beckon to us.

Have mercy on us and lead us to the still waters of your grace and the healing garden of your heart, Tender Shepherd.

Restore our sight to see you living with us, restore our hope that we might trust you, restore our speech that we might praise you for your great gift to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence Is Kept

Prayer Response *What Wondrous Love Is This* (v. 1) #85

Assurance of Pardon

L. With a gentle touch, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, with the joy of love, God reaches out to forgive us and make us whole.

P. Touch us, eternal Spirit; heal us, Light of Love; fill our lives with new meaning, God of joy, as we receive your forgiveness and grace. Amen.

*Pardon Response *What Wondrous Love Is This* (v. 2) #85

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

(please share the “Peace of Christ” with those in the pews around you)

L. The peace of Christ be with you all.

P. And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13 O.T. p. 263

Epistle Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 N.T. p. 186

Anthem *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* Choir

Gospel Reading John 9:1-41 N.T. p. 97

Sermon **The Fault Line** Rev. Muder

*Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* #339

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed p. 14

EUCCHARIST

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Stewardship Response *Holy, Holy* #140

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

it is right for us to give thanks and praise.

It is our greatest joy to offer you praise,

God of all hope and power...

...So, with the choirs of angels and with every generation of believers, we proclaim your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.

Holy are you, Glorious God,..

...may we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Healing God, send forth your Spirit,...

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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Fourth
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**We welcome everyone as children of the heavenly King.
Your presence adds joy to our gathering and enthusiasm to
our worship. May God's presence be real to us all.**

THIS WEEK

Sunday		First Sunday Lunch
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm	Disciple Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday		
Friday		World Day of Prayer
Saturday		
Sunday	9:45 am 10:30 11:00 6:00 pm	Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday School Social Time Worship Service Taizé Service

Next Week

Lay Assistant –Ed Evans
Prayers of the People – Donna Rose
Refreshments – Link Hall

Lectionary Next Week

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Prayer List

At Home: Harbert Smith Jr., Susie Lam, Glenda LaCaze, Brenda Ebert, Iris Saez, Clint Gibson, Brenda Page, Vickie Crawford, Evelyn Hinshaw, Ron Corkern, Ann Maechling, Dolly Kroesen, Donna Beauboeuf, Carrie James, Gail Procell, James Verret, Bill Spooner, Jim Hart, Kimberly Crawford, Raybon Raines, Helen MacKaskill, Rob Lockwood, Scotti Vermaelen, John Parsons, Barb Mahoney, Ken Culverson, Jon Kerstetter, Judy East, John Shaw, Tom Murchison, John Price, Lou Archibald, Rev. Bud Green, Catherine Donahue, Susan Berndt, Everett Morgan, Kayla Barras, Jim Welch, Byron Bissell, Renee Fontenot, Tracy Harman, Jack Starnes.

Hospital: Ada Jarred, Brent Rascoe, Nicholas Pruitt.

Nursing Home: Bob Giesey, Marge MacKenzie (Heritage Manor).

In the Military: Ben Aton, David Evans, Mike Black, Eric Maxwell, Tim Evans, Matt Williams, Mac Davis, Kevin Hall, David Coleman, Scott Tipple, John Hatley, Mark Jeansonne, Joshua Hogan, Sean Lawson, Brian Johnson, Regan Ammons, Greg Hemelt, Stephen Lawson, James Gelston, Phillip Brown, Thomas Melton (and the men under his command in Iraq).

Law Enforcement: Cary Hargrove, Stan Williams

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

*Hymn *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* #280

*Benediction

L. God does not see as mortals see. God does not look on the outward appearance.

P. **God looks into our hearts**

L. God wants us to go into the world spreading the love of Jesus Christ. Look into the hearts of all whom you meet.

P. **We go into the world with our eyes opened. We can now see. Amen**

* Choral Response

Choir

***Please stand as able**

First Sunday Lunch Menu:

Jambalaya; Cole Slaw; Rolls; Cake

Children and students eat free everyone else is \$5.00

If you wish to purchase lilies for our Easter Morning worship service -please return the following form, along with your check for \$10.00/plant, to the church office no - later than Sunday, March 9

Name _____ \$ _____

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