

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5th Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2008

The Collect for Mediation & Personal Reflection

*Doubts are the ant in the pants of faith. They keep it awake
and moving.*
Frederick Buechner

GATHERING

Prelude Michael Rorex

Welcome & Concerns of the Church Link Hall

Introit Choir

*Call to Worship

L. Peace be with you. On the evening of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples were gathered in fear. The risen Christ appeared in their midst and said,

P. "Peace be with you."

L. We come today, some of us filled with joy, some of us filled with fear, and to each one of us, Christ says,

P. "Peace be with you."

L. Let us trust ourselves to that peace as we worship together.

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise *Thine Is the Glory* #122

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God, you have broken the power of sin and death, and by your great mercy, you have given us new birth into a living hope. This we proclaim. This we want to believe. But seeds of doubt grow quickly in our hearts. Fear chokes off confidence and prevents us from receiving your Spirit. We multiply our sorrows by worshipping what we see and hear more than you, our delight and salvation. O God, in your great mercy, grant us the peace that passes understanding. Forgive us, and draw us close to you, that we

may breathe deeply of your presence and find in you the fullness of joy.

Silence Is Kept

Prayer Response *Kyrie Eleison* #572

Assurance of Pardon

*Pardon Response *The Gloria Patri* #579

*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

Epistle Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-32 N.T. p. 112

Anthem Choir

Reading I Peter 1:3-9 N.T. p. 222

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31 N.T. p. 109

Sermon **Since the Resurrection** Rev. Muder

*Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See* #324

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed* p. 15

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Chris Evans

The Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

*Stewardship Response *The Doxology* #592

SENDING

*Hymn *I Danced in the Morning* #302

*Benediction

*Choral Response Choir

***Please stand as able**

Next Week's Helpers

Lay Assistant: Amelia Hall Refreshments: Harlings
Communion Prep: Donna Rose

Next Month's Helpers

Ushers: Megees
Greeters: Mike Pierce & Susan Smith
Church Sign: Jacki Giesey
Kitchen Clean-up: Amelia Hall
First Sunday Lunch Hosts Megees & Muders
Church Potluck Hosts: Browns & Evans

There will be a church work day on Saturday, April 12, 9:00 A.M. until ? There are lots of chores that need to be done - from dusting the pews to vacuuming classrooms to washing windows. Come and help clean up our church. Lunch will be provided. If you are unable to attend on Saturday and want to help, call Ernie Maechling (354-1757) for pre-workday chores.

We need your help with the following information for each member of your family for our new Church directory. Please have the form into the office by April 27, 2008.

Name _____

Birthday _____ **Anniversary** _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Email _____

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352-3016 Rev. Kathy Muder, Pastor
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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

<i>Sunday</i>		
<i>Monday</i>		
<i>Tuesday</i>		
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
<i>Thursday</i>		
<i>Friday</i>		
<i>Saturday</i>		
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:45 am</i> <i>10:30</i> <i>11:00</i>	<i>Sunday School</i> <i>Social Time</i> <i>Worship Service-Lord's Supper</i> <i>First Sunday Lunch</i>

Lectionary Next Week

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

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, Rev. Bud Green, Catherine Donahue, Susan Berndt, Everett Morgan, Kayla Barras, Jim Welch, Byron Bissell, Renee Fontenot, Tracy Harman, Jack Starnes, Mary Kelly, John McClain.

Hospital: Ada Jarred, Brent Rascoe, Nicholas Pruitt, Gary Barmer (Teresa Pierce's brother), Nathan Powell (Helen Powell's grandson).

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

Prison: D.J. Farley

Please keep Winnfield Presbyterian Church and the upcoming General Assembly and it's commissioners in your prayers.