

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 2008

The Collect for Meditation & Personal Reflection

*"We are all sparks of the Divine flame".* Hildegard of Bingen

GATHERING

Prelude Michael Rorex

Welcome & Concerns of the Church Lincoln Hall

Introit *God is Here* Choir

\*Call to Worship Psalm 66

L. Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**P. COME AND HEAR, ALL YOU WHO FEAR GOD; AND WE WILL TELL WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US.**

L. We cried aloud to Yahweh, and extolled God with our voices.

**P. IF WE HAD CHERISHED INIQUITY IN OUR HEARTS, YAHWEH WOULD NOT HAVE LISTENED.**

L. But truly God has listened; God has given heed to the words of our prayers.

**ALL. BLESSED BE GOD, BECAUSE OUR PRAYERS HAVE NOT BEEN REJECTED AND GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE IS ALWAYS WITH US. LET US WORSHIP GOD.**

\*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth* #473

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**AS PAINFUL AS IT MAY BE, GOD OF OUR LIVES, WE WILL TRY TO SPEAK OUR HEARTS. CALLED TO LIVE GENTLY WITH OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, WE CAUSE GREAT HURT BY OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS. CREATED IN YOUR IMAGE, WE LIVE AS IF IT WERE**

**THE EVIL ONE WHO SHAPES OUR HEARTS. GIVEN THE SIMPLE COMMAND TO LOVE, WE COMPLICATE IT WITH OUR EXPECTATIONS, OUR FEARS, OUR DOUBTS.**

**YOU CANNOT OVERLOOK OUR SIN, LOVING GOD, AND SO YOU SENT JESUS TO REDEEM US. THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, THE FIRE OF OUR FAILINGS IS EXTINGUISHED. THROUGH THE GRACE OF YOUR HEART, WE ARE MADE WHOLE. THROUGH THE GIFT OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, WE DO INDEED LIVE, AND MOVE, AND HAVE OUR BEING WITH YOU.**

Silence Is Kept

Prayer Response *Kyrie Eleison* #572

Assurance of Pardon

L. Do not be afraid of God. In love, God forgives us; in grace, God redeems us; in hope, God sends us forth to share this good news.

**P. THROUGH CHRIST'S RESURRECTION, WE BECOME NEW PEOPLE.**

**ALL. THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.**

\*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

First Reading Acts 17:22-31 N.T. p. 131

Anthem Choir

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22 N.T. p. 224

Third Reading                      John 14:15-21                      N.T. p. 103  
 Sermon                      **Following the Risen Christ**                      Rev. Muder  
 \*Hymn                      *Come Down, O Love Divine*                      #313  
 \*Affirmation of Faith                      *Apostles' Creed*                      page 14  
 Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer                      Ed Evans  
 The Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts  
 \*Stewardship Response                      *The Doxology*                      #592  
 \*Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING**

\*Hymn                      *The Church of Christ in Every Age*                      #421  
 Benediction  
 L. Go in peace, to do what is good and right in God's name.  
 P. **MAY GOD GO WITH US TO GUIDE US IN OUR DEEDS.**  
 L. God is with you always. It is we who remove ourselves from God.  
 P. **LET US WALK WITH GOD AS WE GO THROUGH THE COMING WEEK. LET US REMEMBER JESUS' MODEL OF MINISTRY**  
 L. In the name of the God who created us, Jesus who loves us, and the holy Spirit who spurs us on – Go in peace. Amen  
 \* Choral Response                      Choir

**\*Please stand as able**

ELDERS

2008	2009	2010
Jacki Giesey	Ernie Maechling	Chris Evans
Donna Rose	Mary Lou Brown	Link Hall
		Michael Rorex

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**Welcome to God's church! May you find refuge and encouragement as we worship the Lord. We especially welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time and we appreciate your presence.**

**This Week**

<i>Sunday</i>		
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>Cane River Stitchers</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>		
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
<i>Thursday</i>		<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>
<i>Friday</i>		<b><i>May Friendship Day</i></b>
<i>Saturday</i>		
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:45 am</i> <i>10:30</i> <i>11:00</i>	<i>Student Recognition Sunday</i> <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Social Time</i> <i>Worship Service – The Lord’s Supper</i> <i>First Sunday Lunch</i>

**Next Month’s Helpers**

Ushers: Mike Pierce & Ron Muder  
 Greeters: Jacki Giesey & Amelia Hall  
 Church Sign:  
 Kitchen Clean-up: Colleen Lancaster  
 First Sunday Lunch Hosts Ed & Chris Evans  
 Church Potluck Hosts: Dora Belton & Jacki Giesey

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 May 25, 2008.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_ **Anniversary** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Week’s Helpers**

Lay Assistant: Amelia & Lincoln Hall  
 Refreshments: Dora Belton  
 Communion Prep: Bob & Margaret Harling

**Lectionary Next Week**

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; John 17:1-11

**Prayer List**

**At Home:** Harbert Smith Jr., Susie Lam, Glenda LaCaze, Iris Saez, Clint Gibson, Evelyn Hinshaw, Ron Corkern, Ann Maechling, Dolly Kroesen, 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, Renee Fontenot, Jack Starnes, John McClain, Evelyn Buller, Gary Barmer (Teresa Pierce’s brother), Mary Henry, Kayla Crochet, Nathan Powell (Helen Powell’s grandson), Lori & Brett Rodriguez & family, Mildred Lee.

**Hospital:** Ada Jarred, Brent Rascoe, Marge MacKenzie.

**Nursing Home:** Bob Giesey.

**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, Sean Lawson, Brian Johnson, Greg Hemelt, Stephen Lawson, Phillip Brown, Thomas Melton (and the men under his command in Iraq).

**Law Enforcement:** Cary Hargrove, Stan Williams.

**Prison:** Ganey Farley.

Please keep Winnfield Presbyterian Church and the upcoming General Assembly and its commissioners in your prayers.