

Eleven O'clock Worship February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Greeting/ Announcements:

Meditation words: covenants...ark...rainbows...living creatures

Prelude

*Gathering Song: Here I Am Lord Red #559 v.1

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Welcome to worship, children of the God of Noah and the ark!

May God in Jesus Christ be praised!

God says, "I now establish my covenant with you and your descendants

And I will remember it forever!

A voice came from heaven, saying, "You are my son!"

At once the Spirit sent into the desert for forty days.

The time has come, said John the Baptist.

The Kingdom of God is near!

Repent and believe the good news!

Let us worship God!

*Hymns: Here I Am Lord Red #559 v. 2-3

May the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

*Let us pray the unison prayer of thanksgiving.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: **We give You thanks, O Lord, for the ark which saved the world, and the ark of the covenant when blessed the temple. For the animals which populate the earth and help us to live, and the love which prompts You to love and redeem us, we are grateful. Show us how to keep this covenant You have made with our ancestors, and to rejoice in the new covenant which saves us through our Lord Jesus Christ. We remember the forty days of Jesus in the wilderness, and give thanks that You are with us in the wildernesses and celebrations of life, and everywhere in between. As we worship, show us how to be true disciples of Your kingdom, and to experience Your presence and grace this day. Make us worthy of this covenant between us made, and show us how we can be fruitful disciples. We believe. In Jesus' name, we pray.**

*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

Red Hymnal # 734

Walks with Jesus

Linda Lumsden

Children (K thru 2nd grade) exit for Children's Church

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 9:8-17 Pew Bible p. 8

Prayers of the People (see list below)

The Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

* Hymns: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Red #254

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology Red Hymnal # 34

*The Apostles' Creed Red Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:9-15 Pew Bible #968

Anthem There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood William Cowper

Sermon "What Can Happen in 40 Days!" Rev. Russell Lee

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* Hymn: Take Time to Be Holy Red #483

*Charge and Blessing

Response

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Art and Andrea Carter

Galilee

Shut-in: Grace Seat

dove

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a bright yellow visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

Flowers – Given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles R. Lee, and in honor of Rev. Lee, with love from the First Pres. Folks.

Ushers – serving today are Mark and Carol Foster at the North Door and James Edmunds and Mike Long* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Michaela Freshour and with Bob Nelson doing audio at the 11 am service.

Children's Church and Nursery: The children are invited to Children's Church in the room across from the nursery. Children's Church is for preschoolers through 2nd graders. Today's leader is Melissa Fraser. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

This Week's Announcements

Good Samaritan – Today we have a special drive to help the Good Samaritan, this one we call "Undies Day". Please collect and bring "undies" in for this drive. Collection boxes are now available in the foyer and each entrance.

Lenten Luncheons –Our Lenten Luncheons continue this Wednesday, February 21. Come join us and bring a bag lunch at 12:00 and listen to a devotional with Rev. Tim Mull from Ash Avenue Baptist Church at 12:30. We will finish promptly at 12:45. If you prefer just come for the devotion and get the afternoon off to a great spiritual start.

Attention Ladies! Women's Bible Study- Our next class is Thursday, February 22 at 10:30 am. Our focus is on the book *Battlefield of the Mind*, by Joyce Myers. We will be discussing chapters 10 & 11. Please join us in the Philathea room and bring a friend; as we learn how to more effectively set our minds on God and find peace and freedom from these destructive behaviors.

Flower Calendar – We still have many openings for flower donations. In particular we have openings for Sunday, March 4, 18, and 25. Please check out the calendar posted next to the office door and get your dates while they are still available.

Upper Rooms are now available in the foyer for March/April edition. Come get your copy while we have a supply.

Deacons and Elders – We will not meet tomorrow for our normal scheduled meetings, but will have our Officer Retreat at the home of Brenda McPeters, Saturday, February 24 from 8-12 noon.

An Author Afternoon – Marilyn Lee invites all to join her with Pam and Christiana Jones on March 4 from 3-5 to hear them talk about the book *A Miracle Called Christiana*. A book written about living with a child with special needs and the miracles that God has provided.

Ladies Circle – Mark your calendars! We will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Philathea Room. Our study this year is taken from the book *Attitude is Your Paintbrush. It colors every situation* by James W. Moore. Our topic for this class will be: "The Attitude of Humility...Not All of This Is Me". Eloise Wilder will lead this chapter discussion. We invite all ladies to come and join us in learning and fellowship.

5 cents-a-meal – next week we will collect for the Presbytery of the Peaks program, 5 cents-a-meal. Please mark donations accordingly.

Calendar

Sunday, February 18 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Tuesday, February 20 12:00 noon NA
7:00 pm Hope Cancer Group

Wednesday, Feb. 21 12:00 noon Lenten Luncheon with Tim Mull
Ash Avenue Baptist Church
6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22 10:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Men of the Church

Friday, February 23 12:00 noon AA

Saturday, February 24 8:00 am – Officer's Retreat at McPeter's home
12:00 noon NA Women

Church Staff

C. Russell Lee, Jr., D.Min, Pastor
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Session

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First Presbyterian Church

9 O'clock Worship ~ February 18, 2018

Prelude
Welcome/Prayer
Praise and Worship Time

(#51) Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (3:7)
Breathe (inst)
(#178) Come as You Are (9:9)

Announcements
A Stewardship Word
Prayer Time/The Lord's Prayer (words on screen)
Offering

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley (inst)
(#121) I Believe in Jesus (6:13)
I Am the Light of the World (inst)

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15 Pew Bible #968
Sermon: "What Can Happen in 40 Days" Rev. Russell Lee
Prayer
Closing Song As We Go

Bob and Ann Egloff, and Bill Joor,
and Rev. Russell Lee are today's Praise Team
Usher for this 9 am service is Colter Wickemeyer*
Brian Raney will provide computer/audio support
A nursery is available

*As we worship, show us how to be true disciples of
Your kingdom, and to experience Your presence and
grace this day.*



First Presbyterian Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation

Our Missionaries

Patrick Cherry, New Church Development, Wake Forest, N. C.
C.W. & Leslie Bing, Water for the Oppressed, Zambia
Dave and Rachael Carter, Chad
Matthew and Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
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Mission Statement

"Growing God's Presence"

Foundational Principles

*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love
Values*

*Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

The Lord's Supper is observed bi-monthly.

All Christians are invited to commune with us.
A nursery is provided for pre-school children and
Children's Church is available for children thru 2nd grade each Sunday.
5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the last Sunday of each month.
Worship every Sunday at 9 am and 11 am
and Sunday School at 10 am.

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