

Eleven O'clock Worship February 25, 2018  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Greeting/ Announcements:

Meditation words: Abraham...descendants...disciples...angels

Prelude

\*Gathering Song: For the Beauty of the Earth Red #40 v.1

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

\*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Welcome to worship, children of God Almighty!

**May God in Jesus Christ be lifted up!**

“I will give you the land of Canaan,” God says,

**“As an everlasting possession to you and your children,  
And I will be Your God.”**

“If anyone would come after me,” Jesus says

**“He must deny himself, take up his cross  
And follow me.”**

“Whoever wants to save his life will lose it

**“And whoever loses his life for me and the Gospel,” says our  
Lord, “Will save it!”**

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymns: For the Beauty of the Earth Red #40 v. 2-5

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, Lord God, for  
the blessing of Abraham when he was ninety-nine years old,  
for the stories and blessings of Jesus when He taught His  
disciples, and for salvation which comes to us when we  
believe in Christ as savior. For the grace which comes to us  
even though we do not deserve it, for the love which arrives  
even though we do not expect it, and the guidance which  
comes even though we do not look for it, we are grateful.  
As we worship, show us how to deny self, take up our  
crosses, and follow You. As we live, make it possible for us  
to have in mind not the things of men, but of God. As we  
serve, anoint the message of eternal life we take to the  
world, so that everyone might believe in the name of the  
one who came to save us all, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) exit for Children’s Church

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-7 Pew Bible p. 14

Prayers of the People (see list below)

The Lord’s Prayer

Red Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

\* Hymns: Take My Life and Let It Be Red #466

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 8:31-38 Pew Bible #977

Anthem Beneath the Cross of Jesus Elizabeth Clephane

Sermon “Perspective and Denial” Rev. Russell Lee

Prayer

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\* Hymn: At the Cross Red #258

\*Charge and Blessing

Response

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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### **Directives for Prayer**

Patrick Cherry, New Church Development, Wake Forest, N. C. Promises  
Shut-in: Glola Osborne generations

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 honor of Maddie’s fifteenth birthday, from her parents, Mike and Melissa, and her siblings, Michaella, Maelyn, and Matthew.

**Ushers** – serving today are David and Teresa McCollum at the North Door and Mike Freshour and Brenda McPeters\* at the South door. Today’s Acolyte is Maddie Freshour and with Winston Harrell 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 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Today’s leader is Kit Hooper. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

### **This Week’s Announcements**

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

**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. Ridge Cullum from Beth Car 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, March 1 at 10:30 am. Our focus is on the book *Battlefield of the Mind*, by Joyce Meyer. We will be discussing chapters 12 & 13. 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, 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.

**An Author Afternoon** – Marilyn Lee invites all to join her, in the Fellowship Hall, 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. (see insert for more info)

**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.

**Calendar**

**Sunday, February 25** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship

**Tuesday, February 27** 12:00 noon NA  
7:00 pm Hope Cancer Group

**Wednesday, Feb. 28** 12:00 noon Lenten Luncheon with Ridge Cullum  
Beth Car Baptist Church  
6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 1** 10:30 am Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Men of the Church

Friday, March 2 12:00 noon AA

Saturday, March 3 12:00 noon NA Women

**Church Staff**

C. Russell Lee, Jr., D.Min, Pastor  
Sherolyn Barnett, Administrative Assistant  
Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician  
Doris Koch, Church Treasurer  
Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton  
Terri Hazelwood, Nursery Leader  
LeAnne Pulliam, Youth Coordinator

**Session**

Sandi Hughes, Clerk

**Class of 2018**

Steven Crutchfield  
Mike Koch  
Nancy Pool

**Class of 2019**

Art Carter  
Steve Reynolds  
Jim Sizemore

**Class of 2020**

Linda Lumsden  
Donald Cherry  
Sandi Hughes

**Diaconate**

Chairman

**Class of 2018**

Patricia Burton  
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Terri Smith

**Class of 2019**

Laura Edwards  
Brenda McPeters  
Skyler Smith

**Class of 2020**

Kelly Chappell  
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**Trustees**

Michael M. Rand  
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**The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees**

Ginny Troy  
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**First Presbyterian Church**

9 O'clock Worship ~ February 25, 2018

Prelude  
Welcome/Prayer  
Praise and Worship Time

Lord Reign in Me (inst)  
(#177) Come and Sing Praises (9:8)  
Shout to the North (inst)

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

Sing for Joy (inst)  
(#89) As the Deer (5:4)  
At the Cross (inst)

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38 Pew Bible #977  
Sermon: "Perspective and Denial" Rev. Russell Lee  
Prayer  
Closing Song As We Go

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

*As we worship, show us how to deny self, take up our  
crosses, and follow You.*



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  
Mission Possible, Haiti and Dominican Republic  
Overseas Missionary Fellowship International  
Paul & Reinhild Sydnor, International Assoc. for Refugees, Europe  
Art and Andrea Carter

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*First*  
Sunday  
in Lent

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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