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First Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

January 15, 2012

"Witnessing to Jesus Christ in our being, doing, and telling!"

We Gather Before God

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jay Plumb

Call to Worship

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You discern my thoughts from far away.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them

--they are more than sand.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Hymn: "I Danced in the Morning"

Blue Hymnal #302

* Call to Confession

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

* Prayer of Confession

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We grow lax in our discipleship, and we disobey Christ. Our faith is flabby when put to the test; our courage vanishes in the face of temptation. Our joints stiffen when we are called to act. We profess loyalty, while our actions deny commitment. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sin.

(Time for Silent Reflection)

* Assurance of Pardon

Hear Paul's words when he writes: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price." Christ mercifully paid the price for our sin. Through him we may approach God with our temples made clean. **Amen.**

Gloria Patri ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*** #579

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

The Word Proclaimed

Children's Sermon

Special Music

Prayers of the People

* Hymn: "Seek Ye First" Blue Hymnal #333

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 1: 43-51

NT- p. 112-113

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Call to Discipleship" Rev. Alex McLean

Moment of Silence for Reflection

Our Thankful Response

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed p. 14 in Blue Hymnal

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music

Jay Plumb

* Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;#592*

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill us With Your Love" Blue Hymnal #367

* Charge and Benediction

The congregation is invited to please stay seated for the postlude

Postlude

Jay Plumb

* All who are able, please stand.

Calendar for the Week

- January 16** Session Meeting
- January 18** Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- January 22** Congregational Meeting on church finances
- January 25** Counselor Ellen Begley, 5:30 p.m.
- January 29** Rev. James Aydelotte, guest speaker on the New Form of Government
- February 5** Souper Bowl of Caring, Please bring canned goods or a donation
- February 17** Valentine Benefit Concert at White Horse, 7:00 p.m.
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Reflection:

Discipleship is first of all a willingness to walk with Jesus. It is not obedience to a strict set of codes, but consent to a costly, joyful relationship. In walking with Jesus, we learn who he is. As we learn who he is, we learn what it means to follow him.

-Ted A. Smith

Welcome to our Guests! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. Please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad found on the aisle end of the pew. If you are a first-time guest, please jot down your mailing address and phone number and put the sheet in the collection tray. Plan to stay a few minutes after service for a time of fellowship in the narthex, so we can welcome you in person.

A nursery is available for infants and children, 5 and under, during the worship service. Some children stay until after the Children's Sermon, then go to the nursery.

Rev. Alex will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday attending a continuing education event in Greensboro.

Tomorrow, we will hold our monthly session meeting.

On January 22nd, the First Presbyterian Church of Swannanoa is holding a congregational meeting to go over the finances of the church, looking at last year's expenditures, and informing the congregation of this year's budget.

On Wednesday January 25th at 5:30 p.m., Counselor Ellen Begley will present a talk as part of our mental health and faith seminar. We hope you can attend.

On January 29th, Rev. James Aydelotte will be our guest offering a talk after service on the New Form of Government. This is our officer training for 2012.

The **Super Bowl of Caring** will be held on February 5th, Superbowl Sunday. Please bring canned goods or a donation for this project.

On Friday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Valentine Concert at White Horse to benefit the Black Mountain Pastoral Care & Counseling Center. Enjoy your favorite local musicians sing & play their favorite love songs. Suggested Donation:\$10 per person. Tickets : www.whitehorseblackmountain.com 828-669-0816

More information: Black Mountain Pastoral Care & Counseling Ctr 828-669-9798

Year of the Bible--What to look for this week. Consider on January 16th: While Jesus considers natural descent and family important, what is still more important. (Even more important than family or natural descent is doing God's will--Matthew 12: 46-50)

Congregational Concerns:

Please pray for: Betsy Bullins, Liz Laufman, Donald, Stephen McLeod, for those in families, and those living alone.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Helen Adwin as they grieve the loss of Helen

Those with ongoing health problems: Susan Burnette, Frieda Chance

Homebound: Frances Campfield, Bud Duncan, Marie Parks

Service Men and Women and Veterans: Doran Heck, Robby Ballard

Overseas Connections: Barbara Nagy, Rev. Becca Young, Bethlehem Church in Guatemala, the Learning Center in Mwandu, Presbyterian churches and all churches around the world.

Prayer Cards are available in the narthex, if you would like someone prayed for.

The Presbytery prayer calendar asks us to pray:

Love's Chapel (P.O. Box 1429, Belmont, NC 28012)