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First Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

February 5, 2012

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

We Gather Before God

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jay Plumb

Call to Worship

It is good to sing praises to our God. God is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.
Great is the Lord, and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God with music.

You take pleasure in those who revere you and hope in your steadfast love.

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: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" Blue Hymnal #341

* Call to Confession

Through Christ we have been restored to communion with God. However, we fall from this communion from time to time. Let us in humility and faith confess our sin.

* Prayer of Confession

O God, you heal the brokenhearted; save us from sin when we inflict pain on our neighbors. We bear grudges against those who deceive us. We seek revenge on those who hurt us. Some we judge inferior, since they don't meet our standards. Others we deem unworthy of our respect and support. Jesus had compassion upon all who were afflicted. Forgive us, O God, when our hearts are hardened against neighbors in need. (Time for Silent Reflection)

* Declaration of Forgiveness

The assurance of pardon resides in Christ, "who, though was in the form of God....emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Today he prays on behalf of human weakness before the great throne of God. Therefore, let every knee bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Therein lies the assurance that we are forgiven! **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: "The Church's One Foundation"

Blue Hymnal #442

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 29-39

NT- p. 43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Jesus' Message in Word and Deed"

Rev. Alex McLean

Moment of Silence for Reflection

Our Thankful Response

*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We Believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

"Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Offertory Music

Jay Plumb

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

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Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Offertory Prayer

* Passing of the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Eucharistic Feast

Words of Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(later in the prayer)

.....who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

The elements of bread and juice will be taken together as a sign of our unity in Christ.

Prayer after Communion

* Hymn: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Blue Hymnal # 466

* Charge and Benediction

The congregation is invited to please stay seated for the postlude

* Sending out the Light

Postlude

Jay Plumb

* All who are able, please stand.

Reflection

God knew the human need for nearness. Jesus is the incarnation of God's love, which makes it all the more demanding (if frightening) to realize that for some people we are the only Jesus they will ever meet.

~ P.C. Ennis. Meditation from the Daily Feast

Response

Do you consider the so-called menial work you do to be a ministry offered in the name of Christ?

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.

Thanks to everyone who made our Souperbowl collection so special!

Thank you to Rev. James Aydelotte for the officer training last Sunday.

On February 10th, we will be hosting the Hand in Hand Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at our church. The time is between 5-7 p.m.. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds go to low income students in the Owen District. Come and enjoy a good meal and a good time!

On February 12th, third annual Valentine's Lunch at the Madison Inn, 12:45 p.m.
Sign up sheet in narthex.

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 Center 828-669-9798

On February 20th, the session will meet at 6:30 p.m.

On February 22nd, we will start the midweek Lenten services at St. James Episcopal Church at noon. There will be an imposition of ashes. Lunch will follow.

Christian Education Day Retreat! This year's retreat will be held on Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. We're excited to have Mary-Todd Peters join us for "Through the Roof: Thinking Outside the Box about Bible Study!" ANYONE can attend!!! Registration is only \$10 per person, and includes lunch and refreshments. The deadline to register is February 10th ~ so don't delay!

Life Line Screening at Bee Tree Christian Church on Monday, February 27.

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-690-6313

Talking point for "Bible in a Year": What does Moses do with the Ten Commandments when finds the people worshipping idols at the base of Mount Sinai.? (Hint: Exodus 32)

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, Joe Rand

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.