

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**April 2, 2006**

Prelude and Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 119

Leader: *We seek the Lord with our whole hearts and pray that we will not stray from God's commandments.*

People: **We will meditate on God's precepts and fix our eyes on His ways.**

Leader: *We will delight in God's statutes and not forget His word.*

People: **We will treasure God's word in our hearts forever.**

All: **Let us worship God together!**

\* Hymn (refer to insert) "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Call to Confession, Unison Prayer of Confession, and Moment of Silent Prayer

*Loving God, Thank You for offering reconciliation to all people through our Lord's sacrifice upon the Cross – forgive us for turning away from Your gift. We confess our sins to You, O God. We are sorry for our wrongdoings and shortcomings. Empower us to serve You fully, to share the resources we have with those who have less, to weep with those who weep, and to laugh with those who laugh. Help us to be good stewards over the earth You have placed in our care and help us to unite in love and concern for all of Your children. Amen.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Hymn No. 447 "Because He Lives" (verse 1)

\* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Children's Sermon

Crissy Porter

Offertory and Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

"Not A Word"

Adult Choir

Musical Interlude

Children exit with Mary and Emily Langdon to Children's Church

Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (we pray debts' and debtors')

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 119:9-16

\* Hymn No. 143

"Father, I Adore You"

Gospel Lesson

John 12:20-33

Sermon

"Fifth Sunday of Lent – It's a Matter of Perspective"

Affirmation of Faith (Prayer from Thomas Merton)

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire for all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.*

\* Hymn No. 499

"He Leadeth Me"

\* Acolyte and Benediction

\* Postlude

*\* Signifies Congregation to stand*

**If you are a guest this morning, a warm welcome! Our ushers are available to help you with directions to our nursery and restrooms.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Vacation Bible School.** Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 20-22 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., with a Celebration on Sunday, June 25 at 11:00 a.m. Anyone willing to help is asked to complete the enclosed insert and place it in the offering plate today. Thanks.

**Providence Softball Team.** The Providence Men's Softball team played and won their first game Tuesday night against Garner United Methodist with a score of 21-13. For the complete softball schedule, go to [www.providencepresb.org](http://www.providencepresb.org).

**Assisting in Worship this Sunday:**

**Ushers:**

Richard Jones and Steve Nordan

**Acolyte:** Jane Pickens

**Bell Ringer:** Lauren Langdon

**Infant Nursery:** Brenda Dupree & Courtney Walton **Toddlers:** Carolyn Stevenson

**Assisting in Worship next Sunday, April 9:**

**Ushers:** Brenda Dupree and Elaine Wood  
**Acolyte:** Kendall Nelms  
**Children's Church:** Nancy Nelms and Christina Nelms  
**Infant Nursery:** Carlos & Stephanie Bagley  
**Bell Ringer:** Jane Pickens  
**Toddlers:** Andrea Jones

**Events for this week:**

**Today, Apr 2:** Children's Choir Rehearsal from 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School Assembly at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and Worship at 11:00 a.m. **Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. – Spring Fling. Providence Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) meet at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, Apr 3:** AA meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
**Tuesday, Apr 4:** Senior Citizen's Spring Luncheon at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall  
**Tuesday, Apr 4:** Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts meet  
**Tuesday, Apr 4:** Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Apr 4:** Men's Softball game at 8:30 p.m. at Creech Road Park  
**Wednesday, Apr 5:** Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Thursday, Apr 6:** Men's Softball game at 7:30 p.m. at Creech Road Park  
**Thursday, Apr 6:** AA meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
**Saturday, Apr 8:** Presbyterian Women Yard Sale from 7:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
**Sunday, Apr 9:** Children's Choir Rehearsal from 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School Assembly at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday and Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Worship at 11:00 a.m.

**Upcoming Events**

**April 11.** Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
**April 13.** Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:30 p.m.  
**April 15.** Youth Easter Celebration from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**April 16.** Easter Sunrise Service at Providence at 6:30 a.m. and Easter Service during Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
**April 30.** Coffee and doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m., followed by Combined Adult Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

**The Prayer List**

The families of Gary Blackmon and Cecil Embrey. Also, Don Bullard, Josephine Byrd, Mickey Carroll, Carol Clifton, Bruce Coats, Vera Critcher, Lovie Dorman, Gene Glasgow, Mary Hart, Lisa Hawkins, Lawrence Herron, Chris Johnson, Kermit Keater, Bobbie Langdon, Betty Lou Lee, Lewis McLamb, Eloise McLeod, Rebeth Mitchell, Julia Nales, Sandra Rice, Mary Serman, Alice Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, Margaret Walton, Jesse West, and Margaret White.

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and growing His church

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