

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "God Is My Strong Salvation" Early American, 1822
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 147)

Shout praises to the Lord!

Our God is kind, and it is right and good to sing praises to him.

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem and brings the people of Israel back home again.

He renews our hopes and heals our bodies.

Celebrate and sing!

Shout praises to the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" No. 93

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" No. 631

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:29-39 (page 33, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Judith Dellinger; (11:00 a.m.) Cathy Irwin

SERMON: "A Purpose-Driven Ministry" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN OF INVITATION: "Here I Am, Lord" No. 559

*A DECLARATION OF LOVE

The next time I have the urge to speak negatively or rudely to you,

I'll swallow and be silent. Loving you doesn't give me license for rudeness.

If I can't be generous and supportive, I'll at least try not to stand in your way.

Loving you means wanting you to grow.

I won't put all my problems onto you.

My love for you needs to be a resting place at the end of a chaotic day.

My love should simplify your life, not complicate it.

I don't always have to be right.

**Release me of my tendency to control, correct, and have the last word,
so that a relationship of trust may mature between us.**

Love is an ebb and flow.

Sometimes I'll need to give in. At other times I'll need to take control.

I don't have to be perfect, neither do you.

Love is a celebration of our humanness, not our perfection.

I can give up wanting to change you.

If I want you in my life,

the best thing for both of us is for me to accept you as you are.

After all, love is moving forward together in mutual growth.

I don't need to place blame.

Since I'm an adult who makes decisions based upon personal experiences,
there is no one to blame for a poor decision except myself.

Love puts the responsibility where it belongs.

To love is the greatest of all human experiences.

Sooner or later we realize that without it, life is empty and has no meaning.

Love is always worth the effort,

even if it brings confusion, uncertainty, and pain in the process.

We love, because God first loved us.

Our love for each other is but a dim reflection of God's love for us.

We go on living and loving because we have known Jesus Christ, God's Son,

whose suffering love is beyond all human comprehension.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 for ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "What a Lovely Name" Charles Wycuff

(Bill Lackey, Tenor)

(11:00 a.m.) "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" Jonathan Willcocks

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Phil Loftin; (11:00 a.m.) Dave Culler

The Sealing of God's Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM: "Near to the Heart of God" Ralph Manuel

Bearing God's Word into the World

*RESPONSE: "Now Let Us from This Table Rise" No. 715

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "I Am His, and He Is Mine" James Mountain

Cassette tapes of the service are available at the sound console located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Guests: Welcome to First Presbyterian on this Lord's Day. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

Your 2¢-A-Meal Offering to alleviate world hunger should be placed in one of the special boxes at the rear of the sanctuary today.

New Member: Last Sunday R. Jason Looney, 106 Badin Lane, Unit E, Mooresville, NC 28117, was received by profession of faith and baptism. We welcome Jason to the worship, work and fellowship of our congregation.

Baptism: Last Sunday Robert Jason Looney, 106 Badin Lane, Unit E, Mooresville, NC 28117, was baptized upon his profession of faith.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Glenda Stutts and family in the death of her grandmother on February 2.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord Circle
5:30 p.m. - PYF
6:30 p.m. - Preschool Committee in the Library
- Personnel Committee in the Session Room
7:00 p.m. - Witness and Service Committee in Room 315
- Commitment Committee in Room 300
- Christian Education in Room 313
7:30 p.m. - Finance Committee in the Session Room
- Worship Committee in Room 301
- Monday: 3:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the Parlor
6:15 p.m. - Circle No. 3 in the Session Room
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
7:00 p.m. - Small Group, "He Chose the Nails," with Liz Price
7:30 p.m. - Bible study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith in the Parlor
3:00 p.m. - Chapel Ringers
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Pizza Hut
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:00 p.m. - Parenting study in the Library
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study
3:30 p.m. - Genesis Ringers
6:30 p.m. - First Place
- Fun and Fellowship II at Captain's Galley
- Friday: - Weekday Preschool Closed
10:00 a.m. - Parenting study in the Library
7:00 p.m. - "Exploring our Reformed Faith" at the home of Liz Price
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

Camp Grier brochures are available in the church office for campers interested in registering for the 2003 summer camping sessions. The camping season runs from June 15 – August 1, with camp sessions available for rising second – twelfth graders. Scholarship help is available upon request. In addition, Camp Grier is in the process of recruiting summer staff members, and is looking for qualified college students. If you are interested in working at Camp Grier this summer, please contact Camp Director Rev. Bart Shaw at (828) 668-7793 or cgrier@campgrier.org.

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: **All the members of the congregation**

Pastors: **Ed Lewis and Fred Coates**

Director of Music: **Alan Sledge**

Director of Christian Education: **Ellen Auten**

Preschool Director: **Nancy Kortright**

Treasurer: **LuAnne Sledge**

Organist: **Christy Floyd**

Secretary: **Jane Rutledge**

Hostess: **Ann Manning**

Custodian: **Billy Black**



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