

February 16, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Aria for Organ" Flor Peeters
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

MINUTE FOR MISSION..... (8:30 a.m.) Bailey Belcher; (11:00 a.m.) Will Curtis

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 30:4-5, 11-12)

Sing praise to the Lord, all his faithful people!

Remember what the Holy One has done, and give him thanks.

His anger lasts only a moment, his goodness for a lifetime.

Tears may flow in the night, but joy comes in the morning.

You have changed my sadness into a joyful dance;

you have taken away my sorrow and surrounded me with joy.

So I will not be silent; I will sing praise to you.

Lord, you are my God; I will give you thanks forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord" No. 9

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you know us well.

You know the diseases which afflict our souls

and the uncleanness with which our lives are tainted.

You know how our hearts beat,

and where the blockages are which prevent our love from flowing freely.

You know the ungracious instincts in us which knot our gut

and the unforgiving rigidity which make our tight jaws ache.

Yet in your grace, forgive us and renew us.

You alone have power to make us whole.

Touch us, O God.

Touch us anew in this day through Jesus Christ,

that we may be reconciled with all of your children,

and dwell securely in the palm of your hand. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "He Touched Me" (Refrain) William Gaither

He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!

Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "O Happy Day" No. 368

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (page 162, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Smith Kirk; (11:00 a.m.) Dick Fortanbary

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Prayer of St. Francis" Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Oh,

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there's despair let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let there be light, where there is sadness, let there be joy. O

Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:40-45 (page 34, pew Bible)

SERMON: "Willing and Able" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN OF INVITATION: "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come" No. 638

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from "A Declaration of Faith," IV, 3)

We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.

He did what only God can do.

We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.

When he lived as a servant

and went humbly to his death

the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest.

In both his majesty and lowliness

Jesus is the eternal Son of God,

God himself with us.

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.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE (8:30 a.m.)

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "Are Ye Able" Harry Mason
(Alan Sledge, Soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "Rigaudon" George F. Handel
(Exaltation Ringers)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Bobby Hinson; (11:00 a.m.) Scott McElroy

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" No. 634
(After a soloist sings verse 1, the congregation will sing verse 2.)

POSTLUDE: "Occasional Voluntary" Warren Smith

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.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Jane Davidson who died February 10, and to the family of Collins Sink who died February 11.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
- Magnify Concert at Saint Therese Catholic Church, 219 Brawley School Road
- Monday: 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: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon in the fellowship hall
3:00 p.m. - Chapel Ringers
5:00 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 591
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Cracker Barrel
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:00 p.m. - Parenting study in the Library
7:30 p.m. - Circle No. 5 at the home of Millie Amon
- 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
7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Christ Circle in the Parlor
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. - Parenting study in the Library
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library
9:30 a.m. - Brownie Troop 778
6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class in the Youth Room

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, February 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall; cost is \$3. Following lunch, the program will be given by the Rev. Jeff Lowrance, pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, who will present a program on our Scottish heritage, focusing on Scottish family tartans.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Biltmore Estates in Asheville on Tuesday, March 4. The group plans to leave at 8:30 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. Cost is \$18, plus lunch and gas money. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in this trip.

In Memoriam

Jane Violet Davidson

November 28, 1904 – February 10, 2003

Collins Patten Sink

March 14, 1909 – February 11, 2003

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth...that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13



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Mission Trip: Fred and Jean Coates will leave this Friday for the Mwandu Mission Hospital in Mwandu, Zambia, Africa. They will deliver five notebook computers and related equipment and will train the hospital staff in the use and maintenance of the computers. Please pray for safety as they travel and for the successful completion of the computer delivery and training. A commissioning service will be held for Fred and Jean at the 8:30 a.m. service today.

Host Families Needed: Lake Norman Children's Relief will need more than 30 Christian families to provide a loving home for a Belarussian child between the ages of 7 and 15, or for an adult interpreter, for six weeks this summer. For more information, call 704-663-1464 for the LNCR summer coordinator or visit their web site at www.lncr.ws.

Name Tags: All our members are encouraged to wear a name tag here at the church so we can know one another better. If you would like to order a magnetic name tag for \$4 (similar to the ones our officers already have), request one on the friendship pad today or call the church office at 704-664-5275 as soon as possible.

Salem Presbytery held its 57th stated meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro on February 1, with elders Beverly Chappell and Diane Harrington and associate pastor Fred Coates attending from our church. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Received three persons as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry: Ms. Judith B. Dellinger from our congregation; Mr. J. Kyle Goodman from First Church of Eden; and Mr. Peter T. Hazelrigg from Greensboro First Church.
- Received two ministers by transfer: Rev. Tracie M. Stewart as a member-at-large; and Rev. Jessica C. Scholten, a member of the Reformed Church of America, as associate pastor at High Point First Church.
- Ordained Ms. Kathryn Summers-Bean to be stated supply at Red House Church, Semora.
- Approved the pastoral relationship between Rev. Benton J. Trawick and North Wilkesboro Church.
- Commissioned Mr. Stedman Newsome as a commissioned lay pastor.
- Granted honorable retirement to Rev. Fredrick R. Horner and Rev. Robert E. Button.
- Voted on proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*, approving ten of the thirteen.
- Elected Rev. A. Carter Shelley as moderator for this year, and expressed appreciation to retiring moderator Rev. Judson J. Milam.
- Chartered the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church/Iglesia Presbiterianan Eben-Ezer in Siler City and installed Mr. Lucio Gonzalez as its commissioned lay pastor.
- Appointed three Administrative Commissions: one to merge Buffalo and New Hope Churches of Greensboro, a second to inquire into and settle difficulties at Thomasville First Church, and a third to dissolve the Old Town Church in Winston-Salem.
- Approved stated supply relationships and moderators of sessions, dissolved pastoral relationships, and dismissed ministers to other presbyteries.
- Approved the sale of Camp New Hope to New Hope Presbyterian Church of Chapel Hill, and authorized the transfer of the lease of Presbyterian Point.
- Approved a covenant relationship with St. Andrews College, Laurinburg, NC.
- Heard a message from General Assembly moderator Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel, who spoke on the gift of hospitality and challenged the church to work towards unity in the midst of diversity.
- Adjourned to meet next on April 29 and St. Paul Church in Greensboro.