

7th Sunday of Easter

**June 1, 2003**

***Gathering around God's Word***

PRELUDE: "King of My Life, I Crown Thee Lord"..... William J. Kirkpatrick  
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Fred Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP (Proverbs 3:5-7, *The Message*)

Trust God from the bottom of your heart;

**don't try to figure out everything on your own.**

Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;

**he's the one who will keep you on track.**

Don't assume that you know it all.

**Run to God! Run from evil!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"..... No. 323

\*PRAYER

**Mighty God, by your power you raised Jesus Christ to rule over us.**

**We praise you that he puts down tyrannies that threaten to destroy us,  
and unmask powers that claim our allegiance.**

**We thank you that he alone commands our lives,  
and gives us freedom to love the world.**

**Glory to you for the gift of his life!**

**Glory to you for his saving death!**

**Glory to you for Jesus Christ,**

**who lives and reigns as our risen Lord, now and forever. Amen.**

***The Sealing of God's Word*** (11:00 a.m.)

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM..... Insert

\*HYMN: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"..... No. 677

***Proclaiming God's Word***

CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:30 a.m.)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 1:27-30 (pew Bible, page 184)

(8:30 a.m.) Dot Campbell; (11:00 a.m.) Walt Jones

\*HYMN: "The World Is Full of Stories" (8:30 a.m.)..... No. 558

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Daniel 6:16-23 (pew Bible, page 785)

SERMON: *Summer Stock Sermon Series* ..... Ed Lewis

1. "The Lion King"

***Responding to God's Word***

\*HYMN: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"..... No. 496

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

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "The Lord Is My Strength" ..... Dennis Jernigan  
(Mixed Ensemble)

(11:00 a.m.) "Praise"..... Alec Rowley

To the Master of music and loveliness: praise, power, dominion for ever. To the Lord of the word of creation be praise, power, dominion forever. To the Maker of movement, color and light: praise, power, dominion forever. To the Builder, Designer, Creator, be praise, power, dominion forever. To the theme of all song, inspiration of love: to the Artist of life, to the greatest and least: praise, power, dominion forever. For He is the greatest upon His high throne, and He was the least as the child of a maiden; praise then, praise then to Jesus whose mother was Mary, and praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us. Praise, praise, praise, praise. Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee: Give us Thyself both in time and eternity. ...adoring we come to Thee, offering all that we are or can hope to be, Lord of all beauty. Praise, power, dominion forever.

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Bailey Belcher; (11:00 a.m.) Peggy Davidson

***Bearing God's Word into the World***

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Oh God, Thou Gracious God" ..... Marcel DuPré

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.

**The flowers** in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Abigail Blair "Abi" McLean by Rick and Judith McLean, Gretchen, Darrin, Carson and Maclean Bridges and Margaret Carrigan.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** will be administered today to Amanda Michelle Copeland, daughter of Don and Angie Copeland, 501 Woodberry Drive. Jan Hampton will serve as sponsor.

**Lemonade and fellowship** will be served on the lawn immediately following worship today.

**Vacation Bible School Staff Meeting:** All Vacation Bible School volunteers are encouraged to attend a staff orientation meeting this evening at 5:00 p.m. at Mooresville ARP Church, located at 659 Carpenter Avenue. A light supper will be served.

**Attention All Rising 7th Graders:** Join PYF on Tuesdays for some great summer fun. As our newest PYF members, you will be our guests for this Tuesday's "Get in the Swing of Things" mini-golf outing. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the church and head to the Mooresville Golf Center. Supper will be provided. Other PYF members will need to bring \$4 for the mini-golf. We'll see you there!

**All college-age young adults** are encouraged to participate in the college-age fellowship group this summer. Activities include a weekly church school class in Room 310 from 9:45-10:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and a variety of social activities. This week the group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, for a dutch treat dinner at Applebee's Restaurant. Please contact Ellen Auten for additional information.

**Saints Alive Trip:** Saints Alive will leave this Saturday at 5:30 p.m. to hear the Charlotte Symphony Summer Pops and Duke Energy Community Choir outdoor concert at the Energy Explorium. Participants should bring lawn chairs and a picnic supper; food will also be available at the concert. Please contact Ellen Auten by this Thursday if you plan to attend.

**Presbyterian Men** invite you to their monthly breakfast meeting next Sunday, June 8, at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Dr. Leighton Culler, Dave Culler's father, will be the guest speaker.

**Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called a meeting of the congregation to follow the 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, June 8, for the purpose of acting on three recommendations from the Session: (1) That the congregation authorize the Session to bid on a tract of land owned by the Town of Mooresville which fronts on South Broad Street and is located between the building which formerly housed the auto parts company and the church's parking lot; the property measures 60 feet by 140 feet (.193 acre) and has been appraised for \$48,250. (The property, whose corners have been marked with paint, is currently used for parking.) (2) That the congregation authorize the Session, if the Town sells the property to the church, to arrange upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate and reasonable financing to pay for the purchase. (3) That the appropriate church officers be authorized to sign the contract and loan documents as may be necessary.

**Lake Norman Children's Relief clothes closet** for the children (ages 7-15) from Belarus will be located on our fellowship hall stage the next couple of months. You can help by donating summer clothes for the children, coat hangers, old suitcases, and over-the-counter toiletries and by helping to staff the clothes closet. Contact Mimi Dobbins or Mary Barnette for more information.

**Bob Dobbins** will participate in the Habitat for Humanity Jimmy Carter work project to build 32 homes in LaGrange, GA, from June 6-13.

**Mwandi Mission Hospital Fund:** Donations are being accepted for the communications project at the Mwandi Mission Hospital in Zambia. After the total failure of the old PlanetOne satellite phone in March, a new Iridium satellite phone was purchased to replace it. The new phone will greatly reduce the monthly cost of voice communications with the hospital. Due to the urgent nature of the communications problems, the phone was purchased (at a cost of \$2400) on the faith that funds would be donated. You are invited to contribute to that effort. Any donations beyond the cost of the phone will be used to help with setting up a proposed Internet connection for the hospital which would save additional operating capital and enable online medical research.

**Saints Alive Beach Trip:** The Saints Alive beach trip to Sea Island Inn in Myrtle Beach, SC, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, through Saturday, October 25. Look for information in the June newsletter about rates and deposit information, and contact Ellen Auten as soon as possible to make your reservation.

**Christian sympathy** is extended to Eloise Brawley and family in her mother's death on May 23, Catherine Vaughan and family in the death of her stepfather on May 24, Randy Byers and family in his father's death on May 25, and Tamara Stevens and family in the death of her mother on May 27.

**Next Sunday** on Pentecost, we will receive a special offering to support the PYF mission trip to Denver, CO, June 28-July 6.



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