

July 6, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "America, the Beautiful" John Innes and Bill Fasig
(Christy Floyd, Organ; Peggy Davidson, Piano)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Ed Lewis

GATHERING SONGS

"America, the Beautiful" No. 727

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" No. 731

*"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" No. 728

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal Lord, we celebrate many things today:
we celebrate the birth of our nation;
we celebrate the new birth we have experienced in Jesus Christ;
we celebrate the new lives you have brought into our families;
we celebrate the new people who have gathered in this household of faith.
Bless our celebration and send us forth in joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: "Elijah" Dale Wood

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Kings 18:20-21; 30-39 (page 318, pew Bible)
(8:30 a.m.) Melanie Burton; (11:00 a.m.) Judith Dellinger

*HYMN: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" No. 319

SERMON: *Summer Stock Sermon Series*

6. "The Pyrotechnic Prophet" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (verses 1 and 5)..... No. 470

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Psalm 96:4-7, 13b)

The Lord is great and deserves our greatest praise!

He is the only God worthy of our worship.

Other nations worship idols,

but the Lord created the heavens.

Give honor and praise to the Lord,

whose power and beauty fill his holy temple.

Tell everyone of every nation,

"Praise the glorious power of the Lord."

He is coming to judge all people on earth with fairness and truth.

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

SOLO: (8:30 a.m.) "Let Freedom Ring" Bill Gaither
(Alan Sledge, Soloist)

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Canticle of Hope" Joseph Martin
(Written in 1995 and dedicated to the people of Oklahoma City,
following the terrorist attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.)

Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness. Lord, you are God of the needy and the poor. A sure defender, You are our refuge. You are the Giver. You are Jehovah. You are the God who restores. Lord, you are God, reigning in righteousness. Lord, you are God in the time of our distress. We call on you, our sure salvation. Lord, you are faithful. You are the God who restores. Lord, you are God, ruling in gentleness. Lord, you are God. You wipe away each tear. You hear our ev'ry prayer. You give us comfort. You touch our hearts and calm our fears. You are eternal. Alpha, Omega. We place our hope in you alone. Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness. Lord, you are God. In our darkness You are everlasting light. A sure defender, You are our refuge. You are the Giver. You are Jehovah. You are the God who restores. Great is Thy Faithfulness! You are the God who restores. Your love restores.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Charles Dixon; (11:00 a.m.) Paul Beaver

Bearing God's Word into the World

***BENEDICTION**

*RESPONSE: "God Bless America"..... Irving Berlin

God bless America, land that I love.

Stand beside her, and guide her through the night with the light from above,

From the mountains, to the prairies, to the ocean, white with foam,

God bless America, my home sweet home.

God bless America, my home sweet home.

POSTLUDE: "The Rejoicing" from *The Royal Fireworks Suite*..... Handel

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

Calendar and Announcements

Sunday: 12:15 p.m. - Church picnic

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Small Group "Breaking Free" with Liz Price

Tuesday: 8:45 a.m. - CIA to CPCC Theatre to see "Dorothy and the Planet Oz"
5:30 p.m. - PYF Summer Tuesday – Cookout and lake outing at the Curtis' home

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship II at Captain's Galley

Friday: - Newsletter articles due

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

Visitors : Welcome to First Presbyterian on this weekend when we celebrate our nation's independence. Please stay for the picnic which will follow the 11:00 a.m. worship service. You are invited to unite with our congregation. Our next new member class will be held on Sunday, July 20, at 4:00 p.m. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by JoAnn Cantrell and in honor of her mother, Janette McDaniel, a resident at Genesis ElderCare.

Church Picnic: Everyone is invited to a “picnic on the grounds” immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service today. The picnic will be held in the church yard beside the manse, or in the fellowship hall in the event of rain. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and ice cream for \$1 per person.

Combined Church School Class for Adults: All adult church school classes are encouraged to attend the special series, “Theology 101 for Dummies: Reflections on the Doctrine of God,” led by Smith Kirk during the month of July. The class is held in the fellowship hall from 9:45-10:40 a.m.; coffee and light refreshments are served. Today’s lesson is “God Denied,” and the lesson next Sunday is entitled “The True God.”

Combined Middle School and High School Church School Class: All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to attend a special series of church school classes during the month of July in the youth room, featuring “The Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study.” After today’s lesson, “Count Your Many Blessings,” next week will feature “\$25 Million and Change.”

PYF Mission Trip: Twenty-three of our young people and six advisors will return this evening from Denver, CO, where they served last week in mission projects under the auspices of YouthWorks.

Children in Action (CIA): Rising first through sixth graders are planning to attend the CCCC Summer Theatre production, “Dorothy and the Planet Oz,” this Tuesday, July 8. Participants should plan to meet at the church at 8:45 a.m., and be picked up at 12:00 noon. Reservations are necessary; please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in attending.

Camp Grier: The following are attending our Presbytery’s Camp in Old Fort, NC, this week: **Pioneer Rustic:** Stephanie Campbell and Darlene Peacock; **Pioneer Adventure:** Martha Peacock; **Summer staff:** David Lackey.

Saints Alive Beach Trip: Deposits of \$65 per room are due by this Friday, July 11, for the Saints Alive trip to Sea Island Inn in Myrtle Beach, SC, scheduled for October 22-25.

Christian sympathy is extended to Joe Griggs and family in the death of his mother on July 1.

Nominating Committee: If you have suggestions of persons to serve as elders and/or deacons, please submit their names in writing to members of the committee or place them in the offering plate today. Members serving on the committee this year are Steve Robinson, chair, Warren Boger, Dave Culler, Marshall Horsman, Jennifer Jordan, Will McIntyre and Jeffrey Martin, plus two members who are yet to be named by the Presbyterian Women Council. Pray for God’s guidance on the committee and the prospective nominees. The committee will hold its first meeting in the library next Sunday, July 13, immediately following the 11:00 worship service.

These Days: The devotional booklets for July, August and September are available without charge at the rear of the sanctuary.

Next Sunday on July 13 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: *Summer Stock Sermon Series:* 7. “The King Maker.”



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