

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Allegro and Maestoso Vivace"..... Felix Mendelssohn
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP

GATHERING SONGS

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"..... No. 501
*"Surely the Presence"..... No. 131

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, God of peace and purpose,
if we are living in anxiety;
if we are worried about the past;
if we are apprehensive about the present;
if we are fearful of the future.**

**Forgive us if we have failed to trust in your providence,
and expand our vision to include confidence in your care for us.**

**Show us the folly of trying to get security
by accumulating things which are of little consequence,
and show to us the wisdom of building on the foundation that never crumbles and of
holding fast to those things which never age; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"..... No. 426

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 25:27-34; 32:22-31 (pages 21 and 29, pew Bible)
(8:30 a.m.) Sue Stevens; (11:00 a.m.) Leeann DeCastro

SERMON: *Summer Stock Sermon Series*

9. "Mama's Boy"..... Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

- 1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder... Soldiers of the cross.**
- 2. Ev'ry round goes higher, higher... Soldiers of the cross.**
- 3. Sinner, do you love my Jesus?... Soldiers of the cross.**
- 4. If you love him, why not serve him?... Soldiers of the cross.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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.) "Holy Ground" Geron Davis
(LuAnne Sledge, soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "I Got a Robe"..... arr. Moses Hogan
(Chancel Choir, Jim Davidson, Solo)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Mike Toma; (11:00 a.m.) Julie Greene

The Sealing of God's Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Verse 1)..... No. 500

POSTLUDE: "Hyfrydol" R. Vaughn Williams

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

Calendar and Announcements

Sunday: 10:45 a.m. - Session in the Session Room
7:30 p.m. - Session meeting in Room 300

Monday: 6:00 p.m. - Nominating Committee in the Library
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
- Small Group "Breaking Free" with Liz Price

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Summer Tuesday at the Ahearn's

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

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers at the Buttery and Beanery
1:00 p.m. - Friends and Family lake party at the Herring's lake lot in Sherrill's Ford

Visitors: 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.

Combined Adult Church School: All adult church school classes are encouraged to attend today's final lesson in the series, "Theology 101 for Dummies: Reflections on the Doctrine of God," led by Smith Kirk. Today's lesson entitled "The Holy One: How Shall We then Worship Him?", will be held in the fellowship at 9:45 a.m.

Combined Middle School and High School Church School Class: All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to attend the final lesson in "The Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study" series this morning in the youth room from 9:45 -10:40 a.m. Today's lesson will focus on "What's My Motivation?"

Christian Education Sunday: Christian Education programs and workers will be recognized during the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, August 3.

Church School Promotion Sunday: All church school classes are encouraged to attend special Promotion Sunday activities next Sunday, August 3, at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Activities include introduction of church school teachers, presentation of Bibles to second graders, and singing. Light refreshments will be served.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): This year marks the beginning of the 25th year of our congregation's participation in the Logos/MSM program. Our Logos/MSM program is a mid-week (Wednesdays, 4:00-7:15 p.m.) program for youth in first through eighth grades, and consists of Bible study, worship skills, recreation, and dinner. Logos is open to children in first through sixth grades, while MSM is for seventh and eighth graders. The primary goal of the Logos/MSM program is to develop genuine and lasting relationships between young people and Jesus Christ, between young people and their ministers, parents and other adults of the congregation, as well as their peers.

Parents may register their children for the program in the church parlor on the next two Sundays, August 3 and 10, before and after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Required parent meetings will take place on Sunday, August 10, at 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m. The registration deadline is Wednesday, August 13.

The fee for participation includes a \$25 registration fee and a \$40 per semester tuition fee. Scholarship help is available upon request. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275), Christina McElroy (704-664-4369), or Jennifer Boger (704-660-0715) to request scholarship assistance, or with any questions about the program. The 2003-2004 Logos/MSM year begins Wednesday, August 27, at 4:00 p.m.

Logos/MSM Special Offering: In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the national Logos Program and in recognition of the beginning of our church's 25th year of continuous participation in its program, our Session has authorized a special offering next Sunday for the national Logos Program. The Logos Program is currently used in 700 churches, involving over 7,000 adult volunteers and 30,000 children and youth.

Birth: Congratulations are extended to Tony and Stephanie Woodring, 534 Beaten Path, into whose home was born a son, Joseph Jack Woodring, on July 22.

Playground Workday: There will be a church workday on Saturday, August 9, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to freshen up the playground before Weekday Preschool begins.



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