

**August 3, 2003**

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

PRELUDE: "A Joyous Dialogue"..... Traditional Hebrew melody, arr. Alice Jordan  
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Ed Lewis

MINUTE FOR MISSION..... Ginger White

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" ..... No. 549

\*PRAYER

**We ask, Lord, that you will receive us as we are —  
but we also ask that you will not leave us there.  
We pray that you will nudge us from doubt to faith,  
that you will love us from pain to peace,  
that you will inspire us from sadness to celebration,  
that you will move us from complacency to commitment,  
and that you will lead us from guilt to gratitude;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Proclaiming God's Word***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me" ..... No. 437

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Esther 2:1-4, 16-18; 4:12-16 (pages 434, pew Bible)  
(8:30 a.m.) Bob Campbell; (11:00 a.m.) Sarah Miller

SERMON: *Summer Stock Sermon Series*

10. "Beauty and the Beast"..... Ed Lewis

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

\*HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" ..... No. 569

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Psalm 124)

What if the Lord had not been on our side? Answer, O Israel!

**"If the Lord had not been on our side when our enemies attacked us,  
then they would have swallowed us alive in their furious anger against us;  
then the flood would have carried us away,  
the water would have covered us,  
the raging torrent would have drowned us."**

Let us thank the Lord, who has not let our enemies destroy us.

**We have escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap;  
the trap is broken, and we are free!**

**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

DEDICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS..... Ellen Auten

\*HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story" ..... No. 560

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.) Hymn Arrangements..... Mary Ellen Auten, Piano

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Walk Worthy"..... Joseph M. Martin

Walk worthy of the Lord. Come give your heart to Christ. Live always bearing fruit for him. Live strengthened by his might. Walk worthy of the Lord. All power to his name. Give him glory, give him honor, walk worthy of the Lord. Blessed is the one, the one who trusts in God, for he is like a tree planted by a stream. Walk worthy of the Lord. O blessed is the One. Walk worthy of the Lord...

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Denny Dyckes; (11:00 a.m.) Leeann DeCastro

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

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves Me" (Refrain)..... No. 437

POSTLUDE: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"..... Heinrich Reimann

***Calendar and Announcements***

Today: 9:45 a.m. - Church School Promotion  
12:10 p.m. - Nominating Committee in the Library  
6:30 p.m. - Executive Committee in Room 300  
7:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee in the Library  
- Finance Committee in the Session Room

Monday: 1:00 p.m. - Library Committee  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166  
- Small Group "Breaking Free" with Liz Price

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Personnel Committee with Dick Fortanbary  
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 in the Library  
- Playground workday

**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.

**The flowers** in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of all Christian Education workers by the Christian Education committee.

**Special Offering:** The loose offering today as well as designated gifts will go to support the ministry of the National Logos Program in celebration of its 40th anniversary and in recognition of the beginning of our congregation's 25th year of continuous participation in its program.

**Invite a Friend Sunday:** You are encouraged to invite a friend, especially someone who does not already have a church home in our community, to attend First Presbyterian with you next Sunday, August 10.

**New Members:** Last Sunday the following were welcomed to the worship, work and fellowship of our church family:

Mrs. Amy P. Barnhardt, 129 Gainswood Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117, by transfer from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, NC. Her husband is Jake Barnhardt of our congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Karriker (Tom and Mary Anne), 955 Godbey Road, Salisbury, NC 28147, by reaffirmation of faith and transfer from Antioch Baptist Church, Bolivia, NC.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Terry Morrow (Terry and Pam) and Erin L. Benson, 10420 NC 801 Highway, Mt. Ulla, NC 28125. Terry was received by profession of faith and baptism, and Pam and Erin by transfer from Back Creek Presbyterian Church, Mt. Ulla, NC.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Trenton Newell (Trent and Ruth), 161 Colony Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115, by transfer from Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC. They have a son, Trenton, who is twenty-one months old.

**Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM):** This year marks the beginning of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of our congregation's participation in the Logos/MSM program. The Logos/MSM program is a mid-week program for youth in first through eighth grades, and consists of Bible study, worship skills, recreation, and dinner. The Logos program is open to children in first through sixth grades, while the MSM program 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, other adults of the congregation, and their peers.

Parents may register their children for the program in the church parlor today and next Sunday, 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. or 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.

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

**Concert:** Members and friends are invited to a concert by the Cleveland Interfaith Choir in our sanctuary next Sunday, August 10, at 7:00 p.m. This 75-voice African-American choir represents more than 40 different congregations in the Cleveland, OH, area. Founded in 1982, the choir is directed by Michael Gulley. While there is no admission charge, a free will offering will be taken for the choir's expenses. This concert is the first in our church's 2003-2004 concert series.

**Congregational Retreat:** Plans are underway for the annual Labor Day weekend congregational retreat at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. The retreat begins Friday, August 29, and concludes Monday, September 1. Participants are welcome to come for all or part of the weekend. Brochures are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary, and registration forms may also be found in the July/August newsletter. The registration deadline is Friday, August 22.

**Congratulations** are extended to summer graduates: Adam Kutner from Appalachian State University and Becky Rader from Gardner-Webb University (graduate school).

**Fred Coates** is leading the worship celebration this morning at Lake Norman Fellowship.



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