

August 17, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Sonata in E Minor" (4th Movement)..... Johann Quantz
(Mary Ellen Auten, Flute; Carl Rohleder, Oboe)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Ed Lewis

INVITATION TO RETREAT..... Mac Herring

MINUTE FOR MISSION..... Dot Campbell

GATHERING SONGS

"Give Thanks" No. 359

"Awesome God" No. 658

*"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" No. 31

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We confess, Lord, that sometimes we feel hemmed in and powerless.
We are restricted by our past, bound by our habits, and stymied by the urges within us.
So we ask, merciful God, that you will free us from the cords of the past,
from the guilt that grips us, from the sins that seduce us,
and from the habits that hamper us.
Empower us to serve you willingly and joyfully, to live life to the fullest,
and to make a positive impact on others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "The World Is Full of Stories" No. 558

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Judges 6:11-14 (pages 218, pew Bible)
(8:30 a.m.) Liz Rader; (11:00 a.m.) Lynelle Owen

SERMON: *Summer Stock Sermon Series*

12. "A Fightin' Farmer"..... Ed Lewis

ANTHEM: "God Chose Gideon"..... Garland/Sledge
(Gideon's Torch)

Responding to God's Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Zechariah 4:6)**

We affirm the truth of God's ancient word to Governor Zerubbabel:
Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

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: "Led By a Cloud" Connie Hopper
(Gideon's Torch)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Mac Herring; (11:00 a.m.) Bradley Chappell

Bearing God's Word into the World

***BENEDICTION**

*HYMN: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" No. 510

POSTLUDE: "Sonata in F Major" (1st Movement)..... Georg Telemann

Calendar and Announcements

Today: 10:00 a.m. - Worship Orientation for first graders in Room 324
12:15 p.m. - PYF to Emerald Pointe Water Park
3:30 p.m. - Presbytery Discernment Meeting at Centre Church
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee in Room 313
7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee in Room 301

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - Weekday Preschool begins
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering in the Parlor
- Boy Scout Troop 166
- Small Group "Breaking Free" with Liz Price

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Baja Fresh

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM staff training in the fellowship hall
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers
7:00 p.m. - Sisters-in-Christ (Circle No. 2) in the Parlor

Friday: - September newsletter articles due

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library
4:00 p.m. - Neighborhood Group No. 11 dinner with Phifer Johnson

Visitors: Welcome to First Presbyterian on this Lord's Day. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Our next new member class will be held on Sunday, September 21, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 300. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Maude Swift on her 93rd birthday by Bettie Hayes-Marion and family.

Congregational Retreat: Brochures for the annual Labor Day weekend congregational retreat are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary. The retreat will be held Friday, August 29 through Monday, September 1, at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. Participants are welcome to come for all or part of the weekend. The registration deadline is this Friday, August 22.

Worship Orientation for First Graders: All first graders and their parents are encouraged to attend a Worship Orientation class this morning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 324.

Pathways 2003: Brochures for *Pathways 2003*, Salem Presbytery's leadership training event, are available at the rear of the sanctuary and outside the church office. *Pathways 2003* will be held Saturday, September 13, at Parkway Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The registration deadline is Sunday, August 31.

Logos/MSM Staff Orientation: All weekly Logos/MSM volunteers are invited to attend a staff orientation meeting, "A Day in the Life of a Logos/MSM Youth," this Wednesday, August 20, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting includes dinner; please RSVP to the church office (704-664-5275) by tomorrow, August 18.

College Addresses: Please inform the church office of members who will be in college or prep school this coming year, along with their address and phone number.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. Jerry Massey (Jerry and Lottie), 136 Hileath Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117, by transfer of membership from Williamson Chapel United Methodist Church of Mooresville.

Mrs. Margaret L. Bradley, Churchill Assisted Living, 140 Carriage Club Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117, as an affiliate member with membership remaining at First United Methodist Church, Lenoir, NC.

E-mail Addresses: We are in the process of updating our mailing list. If you have a new e-mail address that is different from the one that is printed in the church directory, please indicate the change on the friendship pad or inform the church office as soon as possible.

Christian sympathy is extended to Paul Beaver and family in the death of his brother on August 8, and to Rich Brown and family in the death of his brother on August 13.

Please join us for lemonade and fellowship on the lawn after worship.

Next Sunday on August 24 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: *Summer Stock Sermon Series:* 13. "Voodoo Whodoo."

Salem Presbytery held its 59th stated meeting at Asheboro First Presbyterian Church on July 19 with elders Diane Harrington and Judy Jordan and pastor Ed Lewis attending. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Received three persons for ordination to the ministry: Ms. Dorothy C. Hunter as associate pastor at Greensboro First Church; Mr. Christopher S. Tuttle to Faith Church, Greensboro; and Ms. Elinor W. Wilburn to Spencer Church.
- Received transferring ministers: Rev. Neil W. Dunnivant as associate at Greensboro First Church; Rev. Caroline B. Grissette as honorably retired; Rev. Troy Lescher-Thomas to Pittsboro Church; Rev. William R. Sharman, III to Jamestown Church; and Rev. Jeffrey A. Smith to Mt. Tabor Church, Cleveland.
- Approved stated, interim, and commissioned lay pastor relationships.
- Approved training for commissioned lay pastors as prerequisite to their performing weddings in the churches they serve.
- Recognized Beth Utley of Forest Hills Church, High Point, for receiving her Christian Education certification.
- Approved the honorable retirement of Rev. David Knotts, effective August 1.
- Approved a minimum compensation package for ministers in 2004.
- Approved a policy for validation of ministries within the bounds of Salem Presbytery.
- Approved a statement on the reception of ministers from other denominations.
- Dissolved with thanks the administrative commissions for the Old Town and the Hope View/Buffalo Churches after receiving their final reports.
- Approved in principle a "Mission Design: Ministry in Higher Education," and elected Ms. Catreliia Hunter and Rev. Tom Miller as Salem Presbytery representatives on the North Carolina cabinet.
- Heard reports from commissioners to the 2003 General Assembly and Mid-Atlantic Synod meetings.
- Reported that our 2002 Sessional Records have been reviewed and approved.
- Heard a report on Hispanic ministries in Siler City, Greensboro and Winston-Salem.
- Adjourned to meet next on October 21 at Starmount Church of Greensboro.



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