

August 24, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. Alice Jordan
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

REPORT ON MEDICAL MISSION TO MWANDI, ZAMBIA..... 8:30 a.m. Chong Lieu
11:00 a.m. Mike Campbell

GATHERING SONGS

"Seek Ye First" No. 349

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 480

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, your patience must sometimes wear thin.
We make promises, but don't keep them.
We vow obedience, but do what we wish.
We call ourselves your disciples, but allow ourselves to be swayed by others.
We say we love you, but we forget to pray.
We say we love others, but we are neglectful.
Hear our prayer for forgiveness
and restore us once again through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "Open Our Eyes"..... No. 491

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 22:1-6 (page 138, pew Bible)
(8:30 a.m.) Dot Campbell; (11:00 a.m.) Judith McLean

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"..... Ira Stanphill
(Chancel Choir; John Carrigan, Soloist)

I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day; I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray; I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said, and today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead. Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand; but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand. Ev'ry step is getting brighter as the golden stairs I climb; ev'ry burden's getting lighter, ev'ry cloud is silver lined; there the sun is always shining, there no tear will dim the eye; at the ending of the rainbow, where the mountains touch the sky... I don't know about tomorrow, it may bring me poverty; but the one who feeds the sparrow, is the one who stands by me; and the path that be my portion, may be thru the flame or flood, but His presence goes before me, and I'm covered with His blood. Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand; but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand.

SERMON: *Summer Stock Sermon Series*

13. "Voodoo Whoodoo" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Me" No. 593

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From "A Declaration of Faith," IV, 5)
We declare that Jesus is Lord.

**His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.**

**His lordship is hidden.
The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.**

**But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.**

**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord!**

**He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

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.) "Trust in the Lord" Dennis Allen
(Dot Campbell)

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Speak, Lord, in the Stillness" David Schwoebel
(Chancel Choir)

Speak, Lord, in the stillness, I await your word. Speak, Lord, in the stillness, speak your word to me; help me now to listen in expectancy. Speak, O gracious Master, in this quiet hour; let me see your face, Lord, feel your touch of power. Speak, O gracious Master, help me to listen, for the words you give me, they are life indeed; living bread from heaven, now my spirit feed. Speak, your servant listens, I await your word; let me know your presence, let your voice be heard! Fill me with the knowledge of your glorious will; all your own good pleasure in my life fulfill. Speak, your servant listens, let your voice be heard!

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Charlie Walters; (11:00 a.m.) Jennifer Jordan

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" No. 711
POSTLUDE: "Toccata Brevis"..... Ovid Young

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 Margaret Carrigan on her 80th birthday on August 21, by her children, Annette Carrigan Russo, Judith Carrigan McLean, John Bell Carrigan, Jr. and their families.

Calendar and Announcements

- Today: 5:30 p.m. - PYF – picnic outing to Lazy Five Ranch
7:30 p.m. - Session meeting in Room 300
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
- Small group “Breaking Free” with Liz Price
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club
7:00 p.m. - Workshop Rotation teachers meeting in the Library
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM
6:45 p.m. - Logos/MSM Parent Meeting in the Library
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers
- Friday: - Labor Day Weekend Family Retreat begins at Camp Grier
7:00 p.m. - Cub Pack 166 in the Scout Building
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

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

Name Tags: If you would like to order a magnetic name tag (\$4 cost) for church activities, request one on the friendship pad today or call the church office at 704-664-5275.

Camp Grier 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 this 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. Contact Ellen Auten by tomorrow, August 25, if you are interested in attending the retreat.

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 next Sunday, August 31.

Nursery Workers Needed: Adult nursery volunteers are needed for the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays in the 2 & 3 year old class. Please contact nursery coordinators Jennifer London (704-947-8837; capehatt@bellsouth.net) or Vivian Rogers-Cannon (704-895-3226; dcvrhc@hotmail.com) if you would like to help with this important ministry to our congregation’s preschoolers.

Logos/MSM: The 25th consecutive year of our congregation’s Logos/MSM program begins this Wednesday, August 27, at 4:00 p.m. All tuition fees should be paid by Wednesday, unless prior arrangements have been made. Scholarship help is available; please contact Christina McElroy, Jennifer Boger, or Ellen Auten for scholarship information.

There will be a Logos/MSM Parent Meeting this Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. in the library for all parents who have not previously attended a meeting for the 2003-2004 Logos/MSM year.

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.

Next Sunday on August 31 at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, as well as at the worship service at Camp Grier, we will conclude the *Summer Stock Sermon Series* with “The Original Luv Boat.” In addition, we will celebrate Holy Communion and present our 2¢-A-Meal hunger offering.



First Presbyterian Church

249 West McLelland Avenue
Mooresville, North Carolina