

**August 31, 2003**

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

PRELUDE: Selection from "The Water Music".....George S. Handel  
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

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

**GATHERING SONGS**

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".....No. 80

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save".....No. 74

\*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ..... No. 72

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Heavenly Father, we stand in awe before your amazing grace.  
When you have every reason to turn us away, you accept us.  
When you have every reason to ignore us, you invite us.  
When you have every reason to punish us, you forgive us.  
When you have every reason to forget us, you remember us.  
Forgive us, Lord God, for our indifference in the face of such grace,  
for our nonchalance in the face of such mercy.  
We desire to respond to you with zeal,  
to serve you with enthusiasm and to obey you in love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***Proclaiming God's Word***

CHILDREN'S SERMON ..... Judith Dellinger

SOLO: "Rise and Shine".....Traditional  
(Abby Ahearn, Soloist)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 6:13-22 (page 5, pew Bible)  
(8:30 a.m.) Scott Vaughn; (11:00 a.m.) Smith Kirk

SERMON: *Summer Stock Sermon Series*  
14. "The Original Luv Boat"..... Ed Lewis

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

\*HYMN: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"..... No. 446

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

**The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah...  
But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,  
says the Lord:  
I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.  
No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord,"  
for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord;  
for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.**

**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: "Did Noah Know?"..... Linda Spevacek  
(Abby Ahearn, Soloist)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Nancy Robinson; (11:00 a.m.) Tom Kirkland

***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

\*RESPONSE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Refrain)..... No. 72

POSTLUDE: "All Creatures of Our God and King" ..... arr. Ron Boud

***Calendar and Announcements***

- Monday: - Office and Weekday Preschool closed
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:00 p.m. - Cub Pack 166
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers  
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Junior Troop 939 in Room 313
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers at the Buttery and Beanery

**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.

**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.

**Appreciation** is expressed to Judith Dellinger, a member of our congregation since 1999 and a Candidate for the Ministry under the care of Salem Presbytery, for assisting in the leadership of our worship service today.

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

**Labor Day Weekend Retreat:** Approximately eighty-five members of our church family, including staff members Fred Coates, Alan Sledge and Ellen Auten, are participating in the retreat at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, this weekend.

**New Church Hostess:** At its meeting last Sunday, the Session named Jennifer D. Jordan as our church hostess. She and her husband Andy Jordan have been members of our congregation since 2000, and they have three children—Taylor, Eliza and Duncan. We are delighted to welcome Jennifer to our church staff, and we pledge her our prayerful and cooperative support.

**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. Dr. Charles Kimball of Wake Forest University will be the keynote speaker and a variety of classes and workshops will be offered. Please contact Ellen Auten in the church office (704-664-5275) for more information.

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

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

**Workday:** The Board of Deacons invites members to join them in doing yard work around the church and manse this Saturday, September 6, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

**Sermon Series:** Today we conclude the *Summer Stock Sermon Series* on Old Testament characters. In review, how many can you remember?

- “The Lion King” \_\_\_\_\_
- “The Playboy” \_\_\_\_\_
- “The Founding Father” \_\_\_\_\_
- “The Rock Star” \_\_\_\_\_
- “Bringing in the Sheaves” \_\_\_\_\_
- “The Pyrotechnic Prophet” \_\_\_\_\_
- “The King Maker” \_\_\_\_\_
- “Daddy’s Boy” \_\_\_\_\_
- “Mama’s Boy” \_\_\_\_\_
- “Beauty and the Beast” \_\_\_\_\_
- “Demolition Man” \_\_\_\_\_
- “The Fightin’ Farmer” \_\_\_\_\_
- “Voodoo Whoodoo” \_\_\_\_\_
- “The Original Luv Boat” \_\_\_\_\_



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