

September 7, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "In Thee, O God, Have I Put My Trust"..... Marcel Dupré
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

HYMNS OF PRAISE

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"..... No. 93

*"Jesus! What a Friend of Sinners!"..... No. 90

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, if we have judged others on the basis of their possessions,

forgive us and help us to reflect the mind of Christ.

If we have treated people according to their status in society,

forgive us and help us to reflect the mind of Christ.

If we have made judgments on the basis of skin color or nationality,

forgive us and help us to reflect the mind of Christ.

If we have overlooked the needs of the handicapped and disadvantaged,

forgive us and help us to reflect the mind of Christ.

Help us to accept each other as Christ accepted us,

through Jesus Christ our friend and savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*RESPONSE: "Grace Greater than Our Sin" (Refrain)..... No. 353

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (page 577, pew Bible)
(8:30 a.m.) Sue Stevens; (11:00 a.m.) Opal Westmoreland

*HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"..... No. 473

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:31-37 (page 40, pew Bible)

SERMON: "That's What Friends Are For"..... Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Help Us Accept Each Other" (Tune: WEBB)..... No. 596

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Galatians 3:26-29)**

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek,

there is no longer slave or free,

there is no longer male and female;

for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

And if you belong to Christ,

then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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.) "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Charles H. Gabriel
(Debbie Church, Soloist)

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "To See Your Glory"..... K. Lee Scott

Open our eyes to see your glory; open our ears to hear your voice; open our hearts to receive your grace; open our lips to sing your praise. Fill us with peace past understanding; fill us with hope for the world to come; fill us with love for friend and neighbor; fill us with joy beyond compare. Therefore, since you have received Christ Jesus, the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in his faith, as you were taught; o'er flowing with thankfulness. In Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and in him have you been brought to completion, who is the head of all pow'r and authority...

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(8:30 a.m.) Darrin Bridges; (11:00 a.m.) Heather Bickett

Bearing God's Word into the World

***BENEDICTION**

*RESPONSE: (8:30 a.m.) "Give Thanks" No. 359

(11:00 a.m.) "Amen"..... John Rutter

POSTLUDE: "Benediction"..... Alec Rowley

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 two weeks from today on September 21 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 300. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

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

Concert: Magnify, a 50-plus member ecumenical Christian community choir, will present a concert this evening at 7:00 p.m., at the BlesSING Location, Catawba Avenue and Highway 115 (behind Cashion's Convenience Store). Members and friends are invited to attend.

Pathways 2003: Salem Presbytery's training event offering a variety of courses to develop leadership skills for strengthening the ministry of our congregation will be held this Saturday, September 13, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Parkway Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem. Brochures are at the rear of the sanctuary and outside the church office. Contact Director of Christian Education, Ellen Auten for additional information and to coordinate transportation.

Presbyterian Men invites you all men, senior high age and up, to its monthly breakfast meeting next Sunday, September 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Nursery/Preschool Workers: All adult nursery workers and preschool church school teachers are invited to attend a training session and social next Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the church parlor. The training session will include basic health and safety information for preschoolers led by Dr. Scott Burton, along with security measures, check-in/check-out procedures, and important information for nursery workers and church school teachers. For information please contact Jennifer London (704-947-8837), Gretchen McLean-Bridges (704-663-3509) or Vivian Rogers-Cannon (704-8895-3226).

Calendar and Announcements

- Today: 5:13 p.m. - PYF
6:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee in Room 300
7:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee in the Library
- Monday: 1:00 p.m. - Library Committee
3:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the Parlor
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ Circle (No. 3) in the Session Room
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: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the Parlor
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 619 in Room 313
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166
- Salem Presbytery Discernment Meeting at John Calvin Church, Salisbury, NC
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers
6:30 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at the Captain's Galley
- Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF Lock-in
- Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - Leave for Pathways 2003 at Parkway Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC
8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library
- Gatling Center training at Central Jail, Charlotte, NC



Saints Alive trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Mabry Mill on Friday, September 19. Mabry Mill is a historic mill along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m., tour the mill and eat lunch on the Parkway before returning to Mooresville in the late afternoon. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in this trip.

Birth: Congratulations are extended to Jim and Lisa Davidson, 19620 Tryon Street, Cornelius, NC 28031, into whose home was born a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Davidson, on August 29.

The Churchmouse Program needs eighteen more churchmice. We do not want any college student left out. Please consider being a mouse this year. Call Eleanor Templeton (704-987-1309) or Carolyn Poteat (704-663-2992).

The Session plans to remove the church-owned house located at 313 West McLelland Avenue, level the lot and sow grass on the property this fall. Members who are interested in obtaining any items in the house or yard prior to this work are invited to meet with Bill Harris at the house between 4:00-6:00 p.m. this Monday or Wednesday.



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