

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here" Erik Routley
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist; Words printed in hymn No. 55)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

HYMNS OF PRAISE

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (verses 1, 4 & 5)..... No. 23

*"For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 40

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you created us for life together,
but we have turned from your will.
We have not loved as you commanded.
We have broken the promises we have made to you and to one another.
We have taken much and given little.
Forgive our disobedience, O God,
and strengthen us in love,
so that we may serve you as a faithful people,
and live together in your joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "Glory Be to the Father" No. 734

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13 (page 165, pew Bible)
(8:30 a.m.) Jim McDonnell; (11:00 a.m.) Kerry Miller

*HYMN: "Your Love, O God, Has Called Us"..... No. 613

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 2:18-25 (page 2, pew Bible)

SERMON: *Pairs and Spares*

"What Went Wrong?" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Happy the Home When God Is There" No. 607

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from "A Declaration of Faith," II, 5)

**God made human beings male and female
for their mutual help and comfort and joy...
We believe that marriage is a good gift of God.
The covenant of wife and husband
to love and serve one another faithfully
is intended to reflect the faithfulness of God.
God gives us the gift of sexual union
to be the sign of that mutual and lasting covenant
and a means whereby we may share in creating new life.
If married partners become parents,
their care for their children
is intended to reflect God's love and discipline.**

**When we fail each other as parents or partners,
we are called to forgive each other as God forgives us
and to accept the possibilities for renewal
that God offers us in his grace.**

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: (8:30 a.m.) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Ken Medema
(Logos Choir)

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. Lord, listen to your children praying...

(11:00 a.m.) "The Love of the Lord" Douglas Wagner
(Chancel Choir)

For the love of the Lord endures forever, yes, the Lord is good... For the steadfast love of the Lord is good, and God's faithfulness to all. For the steadfast love of the Lord endures always. Mighty and great are the works of the Lord. Wonderful God's deeds to the people. Trust now in God, inhabitants of earth, and teach your children well to put their trust in God. For the love of the Lord endures forever, yes, the Lord is good... The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. And so through all the length of days, your goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever. The love, my Lord, forever!

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION(8:30 a.m.) Rick Omohundro; (11:00 a.m.) Harding Rogers

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "The Family Prayer Song" No. 605

POSTLUDE: "When There Is Love at Home" arr. Floyd

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.

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

Special Offering: Our Session has authorized a special offering today for the purpose of providing assistance to recently laid off workers through Mooresville Christian Mission. Today's loose offering as well as designated gifts will go to Mooresville Christian Mission to minister in the name of Christ to persons in need through the loss of their jobs.

Our next New Member Class will be offered today, 4:00-6:30 p.m., in Room 300. If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation or want to know more about what it means to be a Christian and/or a Presbyterian, you are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. Casual dress is recommended.

Calendar and Announcements

- Today: 4:00 p.m. - New Members Class in Room 300
5:13 p.m. - PYF
- 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 at Sonny's BBQ
- Daisy Troop 591 in Room 326
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
- 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
- Friday: - Deadline for October newsletter articles
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library
8:30 a.m. - Salem Presbytery Women Fall Gathering at First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC
- Evangelism Workshop at Parkway Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Rescheduled Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive trip to Mabry Mill, a historic mill along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia, has been rescheduled for Tuesday week, September 30. 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.

Salem Presbytery Women Fall Gathering will be held this Saturday, September 27, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, NC. Using the theme "A Woman's Strength Is Contagious – Catch It!", a variety of workshops for Presbyterian Women leaders and participants will be offered. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marti Estes at 704-663-1676 or the church office at 704-664-5275.

Evangelism Workshop: Salem Presbytery will sponsor a Net Results Workshop led by Dr. Ron Crandall of Asbury Theological Seminary this Saturday, September 27, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Parkway Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem. Officers, Evangelism Committee members and others committed to doing what Jesus instructs the church to do are encouraged to attend.

The house, located at 313 West McLelland Avenue and purchased by the church earlier this year, is scheduled for demolition this fall. Members who want any flowers or shrubs from the property, are invited to take them as soon as possible. If you have questions or suggestions, please direct them to Bill Harris at 704-664-2060.

These Days: The devotional booklets for October, November and December are available without charge at the rear of the sanctuary.



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