

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 28, 2003

*Gathering around God's Word*

PRELUDE: "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You" ..... Georg Neumark  
(Christy Floyd, Organist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Fred Coates

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "For the Fruit of All Creation" ..... No. 723

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
you love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*Proclaiming God's Word*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM (11:00 a.m.): "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" ..... arr. Laura Page  
(Middle School Ministry Handbells)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (page 194, pew Bible)  
(8:30 a.m.) Judith Dellinger; (11:00 a.m.) Dick Fortanbary

\*HYMN (8:30 a.m.): "Lord of All Hopefulness" ..... No. 469

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 24:54-61; 35:8 (page 20, pew Bible)

SERMON: *Pairs and Spares*

"Finding Meaning in Work" ..... Ed Lewis

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" ..... No. 459

\*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 recognize that our creation as sexual beings  
is part of God's loving purpose for us.  
God intends all people—  
whether children, youth, or adults,  
single, divorced, married, or widowed—  
to affirm each other as males and females  
with joy, freedom, and responsibility.  
We confess the value of love and faithfulness  
and the disaster of lust and faithlessness  
in all our associations as women and men.**

**Our creation as males and females must not serve as a pretext  
for dominating, hurting, betraying, or using each other,  
for denying anyone's rights or rewards  
or opportunities to develop potential to the full.**

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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO (8:30 a.m.): "All of Me" with "I Surrender All" ..... arr. Tom Fettke  
(Alan Sledge, Soloist)

ANTHEM (11:00 a.m.): "How Can I Keep From Singing?" .....arr. Bradley Ellingboe  
My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, tho' far off,  
hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm  
clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing? Thru' all the  
tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing! It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I  
keep from singing?... What tho' the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth. It liveth.  
What tho' the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth...

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Sue Stevens; (11:00 a.m.) Michael Culbreth

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

\*BENEDICTION

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

*Calendar and Announcements*

Today: 5:13 p.m. - PYF - SALTeens  
7:00 p.m. - Session in Room 300  
Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166  
- Small Group "Breaking Free" with Liz Price  
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - Saints Alive trip to Mabry Mill  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Applebee's Restaurant  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
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  
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Junior Troop 939 in Room 313  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers at the Buttery and Beanery

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

**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.

**Baptism:** Michael Lee Hinton, 1740 Landis Highway, Mooresville, NC 28115, will be baptized at the 11:00 a.m. service this morning on profession of his faith.

**The flowers** have been given to the glory of God in honor of the Abi Hyatt - Josh Abercrombie wedding held in the sanctuary on September 27. The flowers are also in memory of Margaret Lumsden Moore (bride's maternal grandmother), Mick Cochran (groom's maternal step-grandfather), Bruce C. Abercrombie (groom's paternal grandfather), and Mamie Abercrombie (groom's paternal great grandmother).

**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 this Tuesday, 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.

**Next week** on World Communion Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper and present our 2¢-A-Meal hunger offering.

**Fellowship Supper:** The congregation is invited to a fellowship supper (\$3 for adults and youth; \$2 for children) next Sunday, October 5, 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Following supper, physicians Mike Campbell and Chong Lieu of our congregation will present a slide program on their medical mission trip last July to the Mwandu Christian Hospital in Mwandu, Zambia. A nursery will be available for preschoolers during the program.

**The annual meeting of the congregation** for the purpose of electing elders and deacons will begin following worship on Sunday, October 12. That day nominations will be received from the nominating committee as well as from the floor. Permission must first be obtained from persons you desire to nominate from the floor. Voting will begin the following Sunday, October 19, at both services, and will continue each Sunday until seven elders and seven deacons are elected to the Class of 2006. A list of persons who will be nominated by the nominating committee will be mailed to members of the church this coming week.

**Birth:** Congratulations are extended to Chuck and Emily Crouch, 190 Hazelton Loop, Mooresville, NC 28117, into whose home was born a daughter, Courtney Lee Crouch, on September 23, 2003.

**Christian sympathy** is expressed to Yvonne Miller and family in the death of her brother on September 25.

**Wedding:** Abigail Louise Hyatt and Joshua Leigh Abercrombie were united in marriage in our sanctuary on September 27. They will make their home at 11263 Heritage Green Drive, Cornelius, NC 28031.

**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 or any items from the house 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.

**Listening devises** are available for those who need assistance in hearing. You may pick up one for your use during the worship service from the sound board at the back of the sanctuary.



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