

**October 5, 2003**

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

PRELUDE: "Savior. Like a Shepherd Lead Us"..... arr. David Paxton  
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

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

HYMNS OF PRAISE

"Lord, I Lift your Name on High" ..... No. 88

\*"Seek Ye First" ..... No. 349

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**It is hard, O God. We try to be faithful, live at peace with all and reflect the glory of creation. But then a cutting word slips out, a thought of hurting someone in anger lingers in our mind, a moment's hesitation or holding back is felt when compassion was needed. And then we descend to darkness and doubt -- angry at ourselves, questioning our faithfulness, languishing in guilt. Save us, O God, from self-deception. We do make mistakes, but we ask for Your forgiveness. We do despair, but You hold us until we can see new hope. We do fail to respond compassionately, but You strengthen our timid efforts. Lift us from our preoccupation with our own faults and turn us toward Your joy and Your hope so we may walk with courage, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE: "Change My Heart, O God" ..... No. 373

***Proclaiming God's Word***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 10:2-16 (page 43, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Elaine Drye; (11:00 a.m.) Leeann DeCastro

MEDITATION: "How to Survive a Shark Attack" ..... Fred Coates

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

\*HYMN: "When Love Is Found" ..... No. 612

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "Prayer of St. Francis" ..... Allen Pote  
(Alan and LuAnne Sledge, Soloists)

(11:00 a.m.) "As We Believe"..... Eugene Butler

As we believe, so let us live and give. Let us pray that others looking to us can observe in truth, "See how they love one another." As we believe so let us live and give. Let us live so

that where we walk the report goes forth, that the poor are clothed, the hungry fed, and the sorrowful comforted, and all creation, proclaim God's wondrous works... As we believe, so let us live and give and proclaim God's wondrous works!

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Scott Ray; (11:00 a.m.) Alex Ahearn

***The Sealing of God's Word***

\*HYMN OF INVITATION: "As We Gather at Your Table" ..... No. 695

GREAT THANKSGIVING 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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM: "Psalm 139" ..... Allen Pote  
(Alan and LuAnne Sledge, Soloists)

PRAYER

***Bearing God's Word into the World***

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: "Now Let Us from This Table Rise" ..... No. 715

POSTLUDE: "O God of Earth and Altar"..... James Mansfield

Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console located at the rear of the sanctuary.

***Calendar and Announcements***

Today: 5:00 p.m. - Session meeting in Room 300  
6:00 p.m. - Church Night Supper  
7:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee in the Library

Monday: 1:00 p.m. - Library Committee  
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 Lancaster's BBQ  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers

Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. - Sister Cities meets in the fellowship hall  
- No 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 Captain's Galley

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library  
6:00 p.m. - 2003 Mission Trip Stockholders meeting in the fellowship hall

**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.

**New Members:** Last Sunday the following were welcomed to the worship, work and fellowship of our church family:

Mr. and Mrs. Phil H. Garaas (Phil and Alice), 635 Millswood Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115, by transfer from Davidson United Methodist Church, Mooresville, NC. They have two children – Cody, eight years old; and Heidi, age six.

Dr. Sue Garwood, 620 Woodberry Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115, by transfer from Vanderburg United Methodist Church, Mooresville, NC. She has three children – Malcolm, who was confirmed in our congregation last May; Winston, who will be ten years old the end of this month; and Madison, age seven.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Hinton (Mike and Missy), 1740 Landis Highway, Mooresville, NC 28115, Mike was received by profession of faith and baptism and Missy by transfer from Walnut Hill United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott S. Knutsen (Scott and Teresa), 326 West McLelland Avenue, Mooresville, NC 28115, by reaffirmation of faith and transfer from First Assembly of God, Mooresville, NC.

Mr. R. Thurston McNeely (Thurston) and his son Cyrus McNeely (Cy), 362 Cedar Street, Mooresville, NC 28115, by transfer from Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, Kill Devil Hills, NC.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Wingler (Stephen and LeDell), 140 Wing Haven Court, Mooresville, NC 28117, by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Mocksville, NC.

**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.

**Fellowship Supper:** The congregation is invited to a fellowship supper (\$3 for adults and youth; \$2 for children) this evening at 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.

**Logos/MSM** will not meet this Wednesday, October 6.

**Presbyterian Men** invite the men and women of the church to its monthly breakfast meeting next Sunday, October 12, at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Wendy Wilson, who writes a newspaper column and has a radio talk show, will have a program titled “Healing with the Right Salt.” She will offer many pointers on treating/preventing medical maladies with natural resources.

**The annual meeting of the congregation** for the purpose of electing elders and deacons will begin following worship next 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 prayer chain**, for which several of you volunteered, is now organized and operational. If you have prayer requests and/or if you want to be included on the chain as one who prays, please call Sondra Pettus at 704-896-7963 or the church office at 704-664-5275. Appreciation is expressed to Sondra Pettus for organizing and coordinating a church’s prayer chain.

**Name Tags:** The name tags recently ordered have arrived and are available for you to pick up today from the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

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



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