

November 9, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Ave Verum" W. A. Mozart
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "As Saints of Old Their First-fruits Brought" No. 570

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and God of glory:

Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;

shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 4:8)

"By grace you have been saved through faith,
and this not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Friends, believe the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE: "Seek Ye First" No. 349

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

DRAMA: "Percentages" A sketch by Martha Bolton
Reader: Sharon Culp (Matthew 25:14-30)

Soloist: Terry Skeen

Choir Director: Liz Rader

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (page 197, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Liz Rader; (11:00 a.m.) Tom Kirkland

SOLO: (8:30 a.m.) "Grace" Carolyn Hamlin
(Alan Sledge, Soloist)

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Small Deeds" John Horman
(Logos Choir)

Small deeds, done with great conviction; small deeds, each one wisely planned; small deeds, touched by truth and beauty; small deeds guided by the hand of God. I may never be like Noah, and build a mighty ark, but I can light one candle to drive away the dark. Small deeds, done with great conviction... I may never be like Moses from Pharaoh's yoke be freed, but I can lend a helping hand to those who are in need! Small deeds, done with great conviction... I may never be like Hannah, and give to God my son, but I can give the gift of love to people, one by one. Small deeds, done with great conviction...

SERMON: "Ready to Share" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be" No. 466

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, 12, 15

Each of you must make up your own mind about how much to give.

But don't feel sorry that you must give and don't feel that you are forced to give.

God loves people who love to give.

God can bless you with everything you need,

and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others.

What you are doing is much more than a service

that supplies God's people with what they need.

It is something that will make many others thank God.

Thank God for his gift that is too wonderful for words!

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" W. A. Mozart
(Chancel Choir)

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.

DEDICATION OF 2004 COMMITMENTS AND TODAY'S OFFERING

HYMN: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (verses 1-2) No. 688

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENTS AND OFFERINGS

HYMN: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (verses 3-5) No. 688

PRAYER

Gracious God, we offer our lives to you in gratitude and praise.

Use us and our gifts and commitments in ways we never dreamed possible.

Help us to serve as your partners in acts of justice, mercy and peace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "More Precious Than Silver" Lynn DeShazo

Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you.

POSTLUDE: "Because I Have Been Given Much, I Too Must Give" Phillip Landgrave

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

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.

Presbyterian Men are holding their monthly breakfast meeting in the fellowship hall this morning at 8:30 a.m. All the men of the congregation are invited to attend.

Logos/MSM: This Wednesday, November 12, is "Invite-A-Friend" night at Logos/MSM, and all participants are encouraged to bring a guest. If you are bringing a guest or if you would like to serve as an adult helper that evening, please contact Christina McElroy (704-664-4369) or Jennifer Boger (704-660-0715) by Tuesday. There will not be a charge for guest meals this week.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to the Southern Christmas Show at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart this Friday, November 14. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$7. Please contact Ellen Auten by this Wednesday if you are interested in attending.

New Member Class: Our next new member class will be held on Sunday, November 16, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 300. No reservations are needed. Come as you are.

Calendar and Announcements

- Today: 2:00 p.m. - Officer-elect training
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord Circle (No. 6) at the home of Eloise Brawley
5:13 p.m. - PYF - SALTeens
6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee in the Session Room
- Personnel Committee in the Library
- Weekday Preschool Committee in Room 308
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee in Room 313
7:30 p.m. - Witness and Service Committee in Room 315
- Worship Committee in Room 301
- Monday: 3:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the Parlor
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Daisy Troop 591 in Room 326
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ Circle (No. 3) in the Session Room
6:30 p.m. - Brownie Troop 794 in Room 313
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: - Veterans Day - No Weekday Preschool
10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the Parlor
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Art's Jug
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 619 in Room 313
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry – Invite A Friend Night
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers
2:00 p.m. - Blood Drive at the Mooresville Citizens Center
6:30 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Captain's Galley
- Friday: 9:30 a.m. - Saints Alive leave for the Southern Christmas Show
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

Port-a-Pit Chicken Barbecue: Boy Scout Troop 166 of our church is having its annual Port-A-Pit chicken barbecue on November 22 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the fellowship hall. This fund-raiser is the main support for trips taken by the troop. Kyle Carpenter, Charlie Heilman, Adam McElroy, Brian Swedenburg, and Jay, Neil and Ryan Trimble are selling plates for \$7. Troop 166 is also collecting canned goods for the "Food for Scouts Program" that will be given to the Mooresville Soup Kitchen. Donations can be dropped off when you pick up your plates.

Stewardship Dedication: During both services today, we will dedicate our commitments to God for the ministry of our church for the coming year. In preparation for that sacred act of worship—a time of renewing your covenant with Christ and his church—you are asked to:

1. Complete commitment forms, both financial as well as time and talents, indicating your expectations for giving in 2004. Additional forms are in the pew racks.
2. Place your commitments, along with your tithes and offerings for today, on the communion table at the appropriate time.



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