

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Howard Helvey
(Mary Ellen Auten, Flute; Christy Floyd, Piano)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Ed Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

My heart exults in the Lord, for I rejoice in the power of God's salvation.

There is none as holy as the Lord; there is no rock as strong as our God.

The Lord is the author of life and death; it is God who humbles, yet God also exalts.

The Lord judges the ends of the earth; to God be the power and the glory!

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 87

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have made through Christ a new and living way into the fullness of your fellowship and blessing. But we have treated that fellowship as though it were a light thing. We have neglected the assembly of the saints and the closet of personal communion with you.

By your tender mercies, make us more tender to your Spirit. Grant us a heart that yearns deeply for your presence, and approaches your throne with the confidence of children; that with singleness of heart we may join hands and voices, in glad celebration and grateful witness of all you have done. Restore us to an awe-full fellowship with yourself and with one another, through the reconciling work of your anointed One, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news is this, that in and through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE: "Shalom, My Friends" No. 714

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:1-8 (page 47, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Bob Campbell; (11:00 a.m.) Tom Church

*HYMN: (8:30 a.m.) "Lord, Be Glorified" No. 465

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Ave Verum" W. A. Mozart

(Middle School Ministry Bells)

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:42-47 (page 114, pew Bible)

SERMON: "An Awe-full Community of Faith" Jim Dunkin

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "We Are Called to Be God's People" No. 580

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed Fred Coates

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 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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO: (8:30 a.m.) "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Doris Akers
(Alan Sledge, Soloist)

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Lloyd Larson
(Chancel Choir)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Dell Dixon; (11:00 a.m.) J. D. Donelson

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 393

POSTLUDE: "The Church's One Foundation" Samuel Wesley

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: 4:00 p.m. - New Member Class in Room 300
5:13 p.m. - PYF - SALTeens
- Monday: 5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Daisy Troop 591 in Room 326
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: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon in the fellowship hall
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Atlanta Bread Company
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Women of the Word Circle (No. 5)
- 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
7:00 p.m. - Sisters-in-Christ Circle (No. 2) in the Parlor
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library
11:00 a.m. - Boy Scout barbecue chicken at the fellowship hall

Guest Preacher: We welcome the Rev. Dr. Jim C. Dunkin, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence, KS, as our guest preacher today. A native of Florida, he is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He has served churches in Oklahoma, Kansas and Michigan. He and his wife Leslie have two children – a son in college and a daughter in high school. We welcome Jim Dunkin to our church and pulpit.

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.

Stewardship Report: As of last Friday, \$324,500 had been committed for the year 2004, representing 176 commitments. If you have not yet made your commitments for the coming year, please place them in the offering plate today, or bring or mail them to the church office as soon as possible. Additional commitment forms are in the pew racks.

Our next New Member Class will be offered this afternoon, 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.

Saints Alive: The monthly older adult luncheon will be held this Tuesday, November 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall; cost is \$3. The program will be presented by Ellen Hinson, and will focus on our nation's first Thanksgiving celebration and Ellen's experiences as a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Please contact church hostess Jennifer Jordan (704-799-9422) if you are available for meal preparation or clean-up.

Port-a-Pit Chicken Barbecue: Boy Scout Troop 166 of our church is having its annual Port-A-Pit chicken barbecue this Saturday, November 22, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in 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 tickets 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.

Weddings: Melissa Crymes and Daniel Paul Wright were married at The River House, Grassy Creek, NC, on November 8. They are at home at 2601 Bay Street, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Robin Rebecca Brodie and Michael William Clark were united in marriage in our sanctuary on November 15. They will make their home at 3400 Harden Road, Raleigh, NC 27607. We are grateful for the flowers in the sanctuary today which are from their wedding.

Birth: Congratulations are extended to Michael and Anita Nantz, 389 Winecoff Street, Troutman, NC 28166, into whose home was born a son, Joshua Hunter Nantz, on November 8.

Christian sympathy is extended to Tom Church and family in the death of his mother on November 8.

Operation Christmas Child: Please bring completed shoe boxes to the church office by next Sunday, November 23, or take shoe boxes to Broad Street Methodist Church between November 17-24, from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Blood Drive: Appreciation is expressed to those who donated blood (48 units were collected) and cookies for the Red Cross blood drive sponsored by our church last Thursday.

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Wednesday week, November 26, 7:30 p.m., at St. Therese Catholic Church, 219 Brawley School Road. An offering will be received for Mooresville Christian Mission.

Good News for the Hungry: SweetFire Bar-B-Q at 521 East Plaza Drive will serve a free traditional thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you would like to help with this project, please call Pressley Stutts at 704-799-7975.

Poinsettias: Make plans to place poinsettias (\$10 each) in our church at Christmas in memory or in honor of loved ones. Additional information will follow.



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