

Christ the King Sunday  
November 23, 2003

### *Gathering around God's Word*

PRELUDE: "In Classic Style" ..... Gordon Young  
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Ed Lewis

MINUTE FOR MISSION..... Liz Rader and Smith Kirk

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 93)

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;

**the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.**

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

**your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

**more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!**

Your decrees are very sure;

**holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" ..... No. 342

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**King of kings, Ruler of all, we confess that we are often as puzzled as Pilate when confronted with Your kingship. Bound to this world, to the regimens of calendars and the limits of bank accounts, we struggle to conceive of a kingdom beyond what we know. Caught amid the often-conflicting claims of church and culture, media and marketplace, we ask the age-old question, "What is truth?" Voice of our hearts, how we long to hear the truth of Your love, comfort and peace! May we hear Your call beyond our worldly boundaries, past the identities we construct for ourselves, to be witnesses to Your life-changing truth. Lord of our lives, rule in us, that we might show others a glimpse of Your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE: "Majesty" ..... No. 43

### *Proclaiming God's Word*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*HYMN: "We Will Glorify" ..... No. 337

GOSPEL LESSON: John 18:33-37 (page 107, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Walt Jones; (11:00 a.m.) Ellen Hinson

SERMON: "Ruler Riddles" ..... Fred Coates

### *Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign" ..... No. 341

\*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 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 forever. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) Hymn Medley ..... Christy Floyd

(11:00 a.m.) "Let My Prayer Come Up" ..... Gordon Young

(Chancel Choir)

Let my prayer come up into thy presence like a sweet perfume. Like a morning mist let it hang there, let it be. Let my prayer come up into thy presence. Let my prayer come up into thy presence. Let it shine forevermore, forever. Let my prayer come up into thy presence...

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Jim McDonnell; (11:00 a.m.) Cathy Irwin

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

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" ..... Sigfrid Kary-Elert

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: 6:00 p.m. - Executive Committee in the Session Room

6:30 p.m. - Session in the Parlor

7:30 p.m. - Officers-elect meet with the Session

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: 6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir practice

7:30 p.m. - Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Therese Catholic Church

Thursday: - Thanksgiving Day - Church Office closed

Friday: - Church Office closed

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

**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.

**The flowers** today are given by Carole Crews in thankfulness to God for the blessings received through the life of "Memaw" Rebecca Rhodes.

**Baptism:** Clifton Graham Weaver, P. O. Box 1062, Statesville, NC 28687, will profess his faith and be baptized today at the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Thanksgiving Special Offering:** Today's loose offering as well as designated gifts will help support the ministry we Presbyterians do in the name of Christ to troubled youth and their families at Barium Springs Home for Children, about ten miles north of Mooresville.

**Operation Christmas Child:** All Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes should be brought to the church office or taken directly to Broad Street Methodist Church by tomorrow, November 24. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in volunteering at the Operation Christmas Child Charlotte Processing Center on Thursday, December 11, from 8:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The group will be preparing the shoeboxes for shipment overseas.

**Logos/MSM** will not meet this Wednesday, November 26.

**A Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held this Wednesday, November 26, 7:30 p.m., at St. Therese Catholic Church, 219 Brawley School Road. The service will feature a sermon by the Rev. Joanne Hull, pastor of Prospect Presbyterian Church, special music by Testify, a community youth choir directed by Susan O'Keefe, and an offering for Mooresville Christian Mission. "Come, ye thankful people, come."

**Good News for the Hungry and/or Lonely:** 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. Please pass the word to those who would appreciate the meal. If you want to help with this project, volunteer your services to Pressley Stutts, SweetFire's owner, at 704-799-7975.

**Stewardship Report:** As of last Friday, \$408,410 had been committed for the year 2004, representing 202 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 at the rear of the sanctuary.

**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.

**Next Lord's Day,** November 30, is the 1st Sunday of Advent. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper and present our 2¢-A-Meal hunger offering.

#### CHURCH STAFF

**Ministers:** All the members of the congregation

**Pastors:** Ed Lewis and Fred Coates

**Parish Associate:** Tom Miller

**Director of Music:** Alan Sledge

**Director of Christian Education:** Ellen Auten

**Preschool Director:** Nancy Kortright

**Treasurer:** LuAnne Sledge

**Organist:** Christy Floyd

**Secretary:** Jane Rutledge

**Custodian:** Billy Black

**Hostess:** Jennifer Jordan

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