

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "For All the Saints" Ralph Vaughan Williams
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

MINUTE FOR MISSION Gene Vaughan

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 24:1-6)

The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord;

the earth and all who live on it are his.

He built it on the deep waters beneath the earth

and laid its foundations in the ocean depths.

Who has the right to go up the Lord's hill?

Who may enter his holy Temple?

Those who are pure in act and in thought,

who do not worship idols or make false promises.

The Lord will bless them and save them;

God will declare them innocent.

Such are the people who come to God,

who come into the presence of the God of Jacob.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is My Father's World" No. 21

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from the Scots Confession, 3.01)

We confess one God alone.

Call us back, gracious God, when we wander from you,

tempted by the idols of wealth or privilege.

We strive to serve God alone.

Forgive us when we do not want to serve you,

when the price seems greater than we are willing to pay.

We are invited to trust in God alone.

Forgive us when our faith wavers,

when we demand to be in charge of our own lives.

Help us to know the wonder of letting go,

of sharing what we have,

and of believing that you provide all we need;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "Seek Ye First" No. 349

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "Rejoice in God's Saints" No. 531

GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:14-17 (page 89, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Diane Harrington; (11:00 a.m.) Judith McLean

SERMON: "Boarding the Stewardship Train" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "All Things Are Yours!" No. 687

*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

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Robert Jackson
(Debbie Church, Soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "Treasures in Heaven" Allen Pote

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Give unto God with cheerfulness, not of necessity or with regret. But give from within your heart...

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Warren Boger; (11:00 a.m.) Joe Irwin

The Sealing of God's Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Tom Miller

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 forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

Bearing God's Word into the World

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

*BENEDICTION

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Rachel Allred on the anniversary of John Allred's 100th birthday by their family.

Saints Alive is planning a trip to the Southern Christmas Show at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart on 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 Wednesday, November 12, if you are interested in attending.

Calendar and Announcements

- Today: 5:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
6:00 p.m. - Church Night Supper
7:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee
- 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 Shiki Japanese 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
- Friday: 6:30 p.m. - Officer training
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers at the Buttery and Beanery
9:00 a.m. - Officer training

Church Night Supper: The congregation is invited to a fellowship supper this evening at 6:00 o'clock, in the fellowship hall. Prepared by hostess Jennifer Jordan and volunteers from Circle of Faith (No. 4) and the Commitment Committee, the meal will cost \$3 for youth and adults, \$2 for children. Following supper, we will have the opportunity to hear about Alternative Christmas Gifts from the Witness and Service Committee, as well as participate in a "hands-on" project of packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The shoe boxes will be distributed to needy children throughout the world through the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

In order to prepare for the shoe box project, please bring multiple items of the following: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, yo-yos, pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, coloring books, writing paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, combs, washcloths, hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, socks, hair accessories, etc. Please do not bring used items, liquids (such as shampoo or lotions), breakable items, chocolate or perishable foods, or war-related toys. If possible, bring empty shoe boxes, tape, scissors, and Christmas wrapping paper.

A nursery will be provided for preschoolers during the program.

Needed: Blood and Cookies. Our church will sponsor the Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, November 13, 2:00-7:00 p.m. at Mooresville Citizens Center. In addition to blood donors (and we need lots of them!), we need volunteers who will provide cookies for the donors. Cookies should be brought to the fellowship hall kitchen by Wednesday, November 12. If you can provide cookies, please notify your circle chairman or the church office.

Officers-elect should pick up materials in the Session Room today in preparation for training next weekend.

Anniversary Celebration: As part of its 250th anniversary celebration, the Coddle Creek ARP Church is holding a communion service in the old Scottish tradition this evening at 7:00 p.m. Members of area churches are invited to attend.

Election Day: Remember to exercise your Christian responsibility this Tuesday.



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