

**Gathering around God's Word**

PRELUDE: "Transforming Love" ..... Hymn medley  
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 36:5-9)

Your love is faithful, Lord,

**and even the clouds in the sky can depend on you.**

Your decisions are always fair.

**They are firm like mountains, deep like the sea,  
and all people and animals are under your care.**

Your love is a treasure,

**and everyone finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

You give your guests a feast in your house,

**and you serve a tasty drink that flows like a river.**

The life-giving fountain belongs to you,

**and your light gives light to each of us.**

\*HYMN: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ..... No. 243

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Based on Psalm 36:5-10)

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the highest heavens.

**But our love, we confess, barely gets off the ground.**

**Today we repent of our selfishness and lack of love to all you've made.**

Your faithfulness, O God, reaches to the skies.

**But our faithfulness, we confess, is rather stunted.**

**Today we repent of breaking our promises and failing those who need our help.**

Your righteousness and justice, O Lord, rush forward like a mighty river.

**But we limp along, we confess, often doing what is unrighteous and unjust.**

**Today we repent of ignoring your commands and not reflecting your character.**

Your love, O God, is constant and precious.

**Forgive us and cleanse us from all known and unknown sin.**

**Forgive us because of your grace and goodness**

**made known through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE: "Grace Alone" (refrain) ..... Brown and Nelson



Grace a-lone which God sup-plies; strength un-known he will pro-



vide. Christ in us, our cor-ner-stone, we will go forth in grace a-lone.

**Proclaiming God's Word**

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Thermond Thompson

HYMN: "On Eagle's Wings" ..... No. 438  
(Soloist will sing the verses; congregation will join in singing the refrain.)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11 (pew Bible, page 88)

(8:30 a.m.) Bill Lackey; (11:00 a.m.) Allen Brawley

SERMON: "Sows' Ears and Silk Purses" ..... Ed Lewis

**Responding to God's Word**

\*HYMN: "Jesus, Come, for We Invite You" ..... No. 669

\*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 ..... Ed Lewis

**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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "Theme and Variations on *Finlandia*" ..... Jean Sibelius

(11:00 a.m.) "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" ..... K. Lee Scott  
(Chancel Choir)

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of heav'n, from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to thee again. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them that seek, Lord, thou art good; to them that find thee, all in all. Our restless spirits yearn for thee where'er our changeful lot is cast; glad, when thy gracious smile we see, blest, when our faith can hold thee fast. Come, holy Jesus, and ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright; chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light!

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Betty Pearce; (11:00 a.m.) Joe London

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

\*BENEDICTION

May God, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light of the world, lead you, also, in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**Lead us day by day, O God.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

**Fill us with your Spirit, O God.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

**Transform us into the wine of new life, O God.**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and those you love, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN: "Go Forth for God" (verse 4) ..... No. 708

POSTLUDE: "Psalm XXXVI" ..... TALLIS' ORDINAL

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

***Calendar and Announcements***

**Guests:** 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 Grandma Mary, Mary Chappell, by her great-grandchildren, Taylor, Emma, Grayson, Steven and Will.

**Martin Luther King Service:** The congregation is invited to a service commemorating the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon at Faith United Methodist Church, 430 Patterson Avenue. Dr. Vance Hunt, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church of Charlotte, NC, will be the guest speaker. A reception will follow the service.

**Catechism Club:** The schedule for tonight's second session will be reversed—the lesson will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by supper at 6:15 p.m.

**Saints Alive:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (cost: \$3) will be held this Tuesday, January 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following lunch and devotions, the program, "Jerilyn Fair's Feathered Friends" will be presented by Jerilyn Fair, featuring some of her pet birds, including parakeets, lovebirds, cockatiels and Quaker parrots.

**Saints Alive Trip:** Saints Alive is planning a trip on Thursday, January 29, to Reynolda House in Winston-Salem, where the group will visit Reynolda Village, eat lunch, and tour historic Reynolda House. Cost of the tour is \$7. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** was administered last Sunday, January 11, to Mary Katherine Key, daughter of Todd and Anne-Marie Key, 107 Gudger Road, Mooresville, NC 28117, at Cold Springs United Methodist Church, Concord, NC.

**Christian sympathy** is extended to the family of Mary Chappell, including son C. P. Chappell and sister Gertrude Melchor, in her death on January 15.

**In Memoriam**

**Mary Corriher Chappell**

November 10, 1919 – January 15, 2004

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth...that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!* Revelation 14:13



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