

January 25, 2004

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Son of God Most Holy" ..... Johann Pachelbel
(Christy Floyd, Organist/Pianist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Fred Coates

MINUTE FOR MISSION..... Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19:1, 7-9a, 14)

The heavens keep telling the wonders of God,

and the skies declare what he has done.

The Law of the Lord is perfect; it gives us new life.

His teachings last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people .

The Lord's instruction is right; it makes our hearts glad.

His commands shine brightly, and they give us light.

Worshiping the Lord is sacred; he will always be worshiped.

Let my words and my thoughts be pleasing to you, Lord,

because you are my mighty rock and my protector.

\*HYMN: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ..... No. 96

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, if we have been selfish, looking only after our own needs,

forgive us and help us to live the good news.

If we have closed our eyes to injustice,

forgive us and help us to live the good news.

If we have turned away from those who needed us,

forgive us and help us to live the good news.

If we have believed that our time and talents were strictly our own,

forgive us and help us to live the good news.

If we have considered social problems to be somebody else's concern,

forgive us and help us to live the good news;

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

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "Our God Is Great" from The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit ..... Allen Pote
(Logos Choir)

A mighty deed, a tale to tell, He raised his hand and the giant fell. The nations hear, the victory yell, there is a God in Israel. Come on everybody let me hear you say it, let me hear you say: Our God is great! We face the day, without a fear, and claim the land for a thousand years. A tiny stone defeats the spear. Who can deny our God is here. Come on everybody let me... Though great the size of enemies, I stand my ground and I will not flee. For in my heart, my God will be. There is a giant inside me. Come everybody let me hear....

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Bright Canaan" ..... arr. Parker-Shaw
(Chancel Choir)

O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see, I am bound for the land of Canaan. O, Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan, O, Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'll join with them who've gone before, I am bound for the land of Canaan. Where sin and sorrows are no more, I am bound for the land of Canaan. O, Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan. O, Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan. Our songs of praise shall fill the skies, I am bound for the land of Canaan, and higher still our joys they rise, I am bound for the land of Canaan....

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-21 (pew Bible, page 58)

(8:30 a.m.) Mary Anne Karriker; (11:00 a.m.) Mac Herring

SERMON: "Surprise, Surprise"..... Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Catechism for Young Children, Questions 1-15

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DUET: "So Send I You" ..... John Peterson
(Jill Herring and Mark Garland)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(8:30 a.m.) Cindy Ray; (11:00 a.m.) Dale Brawley

Bearing God's Word into the World

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN: "Christ, You Call Us All to Service"..... No. 571

POSTLUDE: "Thou the Promise"..... Michael Card

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

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 Gwen Crowell by her family.

Flower Calendar: If you would like to give flowers for our worship services this year, please indicate the Sunday(s) on the calendar in the church office.

## *Calendar and Announcements*

- Sunday: 5:13 p.m. - PYF Salteens  
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club  
6:30 p.m. - Catechism Club mentors  
7:00 p.m. - Session in the Parlor  
7:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class visits the Session meeting
- Monday: 7:15 a.m. - Men's prayer group  
9:15 a.m. - Through the Bible Study in the Library  
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Daisy Troop 591 in Room 313  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166  
- Small Group with Liz Price  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Bellacino's  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 619 in Room 313  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Cub Pack 166 in the fellowship hall
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir practice
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Saints Alive trip to the Reynolda House in Winston-Salem  
10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers
- Friday: - Deadline for February newsletter articles
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

**Catechism Club:** Catechism Club mentors are reminded to meet with their child at 6:30 p.m. this evening on the third floor of the educational building. Next Sunday's Catechism Club will be held from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m., and will not include supper. Participants are welcome to join PYF for the Souper Bowl party in the youth room, immediately following Catechism Club.

**Saints Alive Trip:** Saints Alive is planning a trip this 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. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

**Offering envelopes** for 2004 remain at the rear of the sanctuary for many members of the congregation. Please pick up yours this morning for your use this year.

**Next Sunday** at both worship services, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper and present our 2¢-A-Meal hunger offering.

**Christmas Card Recycling Project:** The elementary church school classes are sponsoring a used Christmas card recycling project to assist St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, NV. Please place your used Christmas cards in the box in the office by Sunday, February 15.

**Mwandi Friends:** The meeting previously scheduled for this Tuesday, January 27, with Chief Yeta and General Secretary Silishebo at Thyatira Church has been **postponed** because Chief Yeta, a member of Zambia's National Parliament, was prevented from coming due to government business in Zambia. The meeting at Thyatira Church will be rescheduled for next month when the two honored guests are able to be with us.

**Name Tags:** The name tags recently ordered have arrived and are available for you to pick up today from the table at the rear of the sanctuary.



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