

7th Sunday of Easter
May 23, 2004

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Rondeau".....Jean Joseph Mouret
(Billie Brawley, organ; Peggy Davidson, piano)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Tom Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 97:1, 6, 9-12)

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 508

*OPENING PRAYER

O Great Creator,

**cleans our hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness,
that we may walk with you along the good road, your holy way.**

Purify our minds, that we may be guided by your holy Word.

Clear our eyes, that we may see the goodness you have created.

Open our ears that we may hear your voice.

**Make our souls one with yours, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth,
and love you with all our hearts, minds, bodies and souls.**

May our hearts always beat as one with yours,

through your Great Messenger, your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "Open Our Eyes" No. 491

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES (11:00 a.m.)..... Tom Kirkland

*HYMN: (11:00 a.m.) "This Is a Time to Remember" No. 579

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:20-26 (pew Bible, page 106)

(8:30 a.m.) Ginny Swedenberg; (11:00 a.m.) Smith Kirk

SERMON: "What Can the Church Learn from a Cruise Line?" Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" No. 581

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Tom Miller

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 OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "He Leadeth Me" William Bradbury
(Billie Brawley, organ; Peggy Davidson, piano)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Walk Worthy" Joseph Martin
(Chancel Choir)

Walk worthy of the Lord. Come give your heart to Christ. Live always bearing fruit for him.

Live strengthened by his might. Walk worthy of the Lord. All power to his name. Give him

glory, give him honor, walk worthy of the Lord. Blessed is the one, the one who trusts in

God, for he is like a tree planted by a stream...

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Ross Culp; (11:00 a.m.) Ashlin Streetman

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: "God Be with You" No. 716

POSTLUDE: "God of Our Fathers" George Warren

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

Calendar and Announcements

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration

9:45 a.m. - Church School for all ages

11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration

5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens trip to Centre Presbyterian Church

7:00 p.m. - Stated Session meeting

Monday: 5:30 p.m. - Daisy Troop 591

6:30 p.m. - Brownie Troop 794

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166

7:00 p.m. - 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 Pueblo Grande

7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - Weekday Preschool graduation

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study with Peggy Rogers

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 in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dick Fortanbary by his family in celebration of his birthday on May 21.

Guest Organist: Appreciation is expressed to Billie Brawley for serving as organist today while Christy Floyd is on medical leave recuperating from a broken arm.

Saints Alive Trip: Join the Saints Alive group as they travel to the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens in Gastonia this Wednesday, May 26, to tour the gardens and enjoy lunch together in the Gastonia area. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m., and the cost of the tour is \$8. Please contact Ellen Auten at 704-664-5275 if you are interested in participating.

Vacation Bible School: Register for Vacation Bible School by Sunday, June 6. Registration forms are located at the rear of the sanctuary and in the church office. VBS will be held June 13-16 at Prospect Presbyterian Church.

Next Sunday, on the Day of Pentecost, we will celebrate Holy Communion and present our 2¢-A-Meal hunger offering. We will also receive a special offering to assist our youth on their mission trip to Newport, TN, where they will serve June 27-July 3 under the auspices of YouthWorks.

Camp Grier: Space is still available for summer camping programs at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. Weekly camping sessions will be held June 13 through July 30 for children in rising first through twelfth grades. Registration forms are available at the rear of the sanctuary and in the church office; scholarship help is available.

Christian sympathy is extended to Polly Johnson and family in her husband's death on May 14.

Birth: Congratulations are expressed to Missy and Mike Hinton, 1740 Landis Highway, Mooresville, NC 28115, into whose home was born a daughter, Ava Grace Hinton, on May 20.

Graduates: Congratulations and prayerful best wishes are extended to our graduates. Please notify the church office of additions and/or corrections. Our Presbyterian Women will host a reception in Turlington Court immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service in honor of our graduates.

Lake Norman High School: Brittany Harris, Taylor Kirkland and Sarah Miller

Mooresville High School: Will Curtis, Jonathan Oliphant, Jared Parnell, Ashlin Streetman, Laban Thompson and Briar Weyer

Meredith College: Elizabeth Hyman

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill: Neely Curtis

University of South Carolina – Columbia: Katie McDonnell (December, 2003)

Wake Forest University School of Medicine: Chris Lieu

In Memoriam

Wofford Jeddy Johnson, Jr.

August 21, 1923 – May 14, 2004

Thele Templeton Gilladette

May 29, 1916 – May 20, 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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