

**August 15, 2004**

***Gathering around God’s Word***

PRELUDE: “Jesus, Word of God” ..... W. A. Mozart  
(Christy Floyd, organ/piano)

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

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS (11:00 a.m.) ..... Scott Mauney

GATHERING SONGS..... Led by Alan Sledge

“Not with Naked Eye” ..... No. 417

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” ..... No. 407

\*“Majesty” ..... No. 43

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 40:28-29)

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable.

**He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.**

OPENING PRAYER

**O God of the darkened night and God of the morning light, reveal Yourself to us once more. Speak to us in the harmony of our songs. Come to us in the warmth of our fellowship and reveal Your grace again in the breaking of the bread. In the sounds of silence, in the laughter of children and in the joy of forgiveness, speak to us of Your love.**

**O God of the whirling wind and God of the peaceful calm, come to us; be with us and fill us with Your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Proclaiming God’s Word***

CHILDREN’S SERMON

\*HYMN: “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” ..... No. 24

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:3-5 (page 633, pew Bible)  
(8:30 a.m.) John Amon; (11:00 a.m.) Bill Lackey

SERMON: *Alphabet Soup for the Soul: A Second Helping*

11. “The **R** Word” ..... Fred Coates

***Responding to God’s Word***

\*HYMN: “Renew Your Church” ..... No. 462

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Westminster Confession of Faith*, X, 2)

**In the gospel God declares his love for the world and his desire that all people should be saved; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by his Spirit accompanying the Word pleads with humankind to accept his gracious invitation.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) “O Perfect Love” ..... Joseph Barnby  
(Eloise Brawley, soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) “O Savior, Precious Savior” ..... Francis Havergal  
(LuAnne Sledge, soloist)

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

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

***The Sealing of God’s Word***

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE ..... Ed Lewis

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND 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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN: “Now Let Us from This Table Rise” ..... No. 715

POSTLUDE: “The Lord is My Light” ..... O. Dugan

Recordings of the 11:00 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
- 12:15 p.m. - College student luncheon at Pueblo Grande
- 3:00 p.m. - Youth Council meeting
- 4:15 p.m. - PYF trip to Kannapolis Intimidators baseball game
- 6:30 p.m. - Personnel Committee
- 7:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Nominating Committee
- Boy Scout Troop 166
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at What-a-Burger
- Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Staff Supper and Orientation
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 p.m. - Through the Bible small group 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 Jackson Christopher Schaen, born June 21, by his parents and grandparents.

**Logos/MSM Staff Orientation:** All weekly Logos/MSM staff members are invited to an orientation meeting and supper this Wednesday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Come experience “A Day in the Life of a Logos/MSM Youth.” Call the church office (704-664-5275) by Monday, August 16, to make a reservation.

**Worship Orientation for First Graders:** All first graders and their parents are encouraged to attend a Worship Orientation class this morning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 324.

**College Student Lunch:** All college students are invited to a complimentary lunch today at Pueblo Grande Mexican Restaurant. Participants should meet at the rear of the sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. All college students and their friends are welcome.

**Scholarships:** The Finance Committee will be presenting scholarships today to two young people. Sarah Miller will receive the Agnes Preston Neel Scholarship and Ashlin Streetman will receive the Cora Freeze Scholarship. The scholarships were established in bequests in order to benefit young people in the pursuit of higher education.

**The Youth Council** will meet in the Youth Room this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

**PYF outing:** All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join PYF this afternoon at 4:15 p.m. for a trip to the Kannapolis Intimidators baseball game. Cost of the outing is \$12 person which includes a box seat for the game and a hamburger and hotdog buffet at the ball park.

**The annual Labor Day weekend retreat** at Camp Grier will begin on Friday, September 3, and conclude on Monday, September 6. Participants are welcome to come for all or part of the weekend. Brochures are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary. Registration forms are also in the July/August newsletter. The registration deadline is Friday, August 27.

**Cemetery Lots:** Due to the generosity of one of our members the Church is in possession of two cemetery/burial spaces in the "Garden of Memories" section of Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte. Anyone interested in purchasing these lots please contact Bob Campbell at (704)662-8286.

**Donate Your Vases:** The Flower Ministry, a new program of the Worship Committee, needs your tall vases (10" or more) which will be used in delivering flowers to the sick and shut-in. Your donations may be brought either to the parlor kitchen or the church office.

**Walk for Life-2004:** The Pregnancy Center of Mooresville is sponsoring their LifeWalk on September 25., beginning at Southside Baptist Church. For more information call Jennifer Boger (704)660-0715.

**The 2004-2005 FPC Concert Series** begins on Sunday, August 29, 2004 with Gideon's Torch Gospel Quartet. The concert will be at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, and will follow a "Make Your own Sundae" church night social in the fellowship hall. The social will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is being prepared by church hostess Jennifer Jordan.

**The Weekday Preschool** will hold a "Sneak-a-Peak" orientation in the fellowship hall on this coming Monday, August 16, and Tuesday, August 17, at 9:30 a.m. Regular preschool sessions begin on Wednesday morning, August 18, at 9:00 a.m.



#### CHURCH STAFF

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

Pastors: **Ed Lewis and Fred Coates** Parish Associate: **Tom Miller**

Director of Music: **Alan Sledge**

Organist: **Christy Floyd**

Director of Christian Education: **Ellen Auten**

Interim Secretary: **Christine Davidson**

Preschool Director: **Nancy Kortright**

Custodian: **Billy Black**

Treasurer: **LuAnne Sledge**

Hostess: **Jennifer Jordan**

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