

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Chant de PAX" Jean Langlais
(Christy Floyd, organ/piano)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

MINUTE FOR MISSION Debbie Church

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 85:8-9)

I will listen to you, Lord God,

because you promise peace to those who are faithful and no longer foolish.

You are ready to rescue everyone who worships you,

so that you will live with us in all of your glory.

GATHERING SONGS Led by Alan Sledge

"When Peace Like a River" (verses 1 and 4) No. 428

"Like a River Glorious" No. 435

*"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (verses 1, 4 and 5) No. 470

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, we thank you for the message of peace that Christ brings to our troubled world.

Give peace among the nations; peace in our land; peace in our homes, and peace in our

hearts, as we worship the Prince of Peace, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" No. 614

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:23-29 (page 104, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Sue Stevens; (11:00 a.m.) Sam Sanders

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

12. "The **S** Word" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

HYMN: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Charles Gabriel

(Soloists: 8:30 a.m., Alan Sledge; 11:00 a.m., Mark Garland)

The congregation will join in singing the chorus:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;

For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything,

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Tom Miller

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands" Irish melody
(Debbie Church, soloist)

(11:00 a.m.) "Creation Will Be at Peace" (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) Anna L. Page
(Chancel Choir)

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace. The wolf will die down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their young will play together; a little child will lead. In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace. The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw. They will war no more, a child will lead them all...

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Scott Ray; (11:00 a.m.) Sparky Hitchcock

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Shalom, My Friends" Led by Tom Miller

Shalom, my friends, shalom, my friends, shalom, shalom.

We'll see you again. We'll see you again. Shalom, shalom.

POSTLUDE: "Lord, Let Now Thy Servant Depart in Peace" Johannes Brahms

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

3:00 p.m. - Baptismal Orientation in Room 300

4:00 p.m. - PYF in the Youth Room

5:30 p.m. - Commitment Committee in the Session Room

7:00 p.m. - Session in Room 300

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

6:30 p.m. - Nominating Committee in the Library

6:45 p.m. - Presbyterian Women in the Church Parlor

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Shiki Japanese

Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry

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 Maude Swift on her 93rd birthday by Bettie Hayes Marion and family.

Catechism Club Registration will be held in the church parlor this morning, before and after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Adult mentors are needed to help children with recitation of Catechism questions; please contact Carole Crews (704-663-6953) if you are interested in being a Catechism mentor.

Presbyterian Women's New Year's Eve Party will be held tomorrow, August 23, at 6:45p.m. in the church parlor. All women are invited. Let's start our New Year off with a bang.

Logos/Middle School Ministry: The 2004-2005 Logos/MSM year begins this Wednesday, August 25, at 4:00 p.m.

Our church's 2004-2005 Concert Series begins next Sunday, August 29, 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" social in the fellowship hall. Prepared and coordinated by church hostess Jennifer Jordan, the social will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The annual Labor Day weekend retreat will be held Friday, September 3, through Monday, September 6, at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. 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. The registration deadline is this Friday, August 27.

Pathways 2004: Brochures for *Pathways 2004*, Salem Presbytery's leadership training event, are available at the rear of the sanctuary and outside the church office. *Pathways 2004* will be held Saturday, September 11, at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The registration deadline is August 31.

Invitation: Members who would like to attend a Logos Leadership Training School at Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC, on September 9-11, please notify DCE Ellen Auten.

Congregational Meeting: At the meeting held on August 8, the congregation voted to concur with our pastor in requesting Salem Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between him and our church, effective October 3, 2004, so that he may be retired.

Name Tags: If you would like to order a magnetic name tag (\$4 each), please place your order on the Friendship Pad today or call the church office by this Wednesday.

Church School Workshop: Ellen Auten, Valerie Mauney, and Susan Williams attended the "How to Grow Your Sunday School" workshop at Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem on Saturday, August 21.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Fred Kann and family in the death of his sister on August 13 and his niece on August 19.

College Addresses: Please inform the church office of members who will be in college or prep school this coming year, along with their address and phone number.

Next Sunday: The "T" Word. Baptism will be celebrated at the 8:30 service.



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