

August 29, 2004

*Gathering around God's Word*

PRELUDE: "For the Beauty of the Earth" ..... Conrad Kocher  
(Christy Floyd, organ/piano)

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Jennifer Boger; (11:00 a.m.) Jackie Justice

CATECHISM RECOGNITION (11:00 a.m.) ..... Beverly Chappell

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

GATHERING SONGS ..... Led by Alan Sledge

"Give Thanks" ..... No. 359

"Sanctuary" ..... No. 482

\*"Now Thank We All Our God" ..... No. 14

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we join our lives and hearts in worship. Let the hearts of all those who seek you rejoice. Let us, as your people, remember the wonderful works you have done and are doing. Give us thankful and believing hearts so that our faces may always be turned toward you with praise, and our feet may always follow in the footsteps of Christ, who calls us to be his disciples of love and compassion. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Sealing of God's Word (8:30 a.m.)*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HYMN: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" ..... No. 677

*Proclaiming God's Word*

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Coming Down" ..... Wes Hommer  
(Gideon's Torch Gospel Quartet)

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (page 178, pew Bible)  
(8:30 a.m.) Terry Skeen; (11:00 a.m.) Smith Kirk

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

11. "The **T** Word" ..... Ed Lewis

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation" ..... No. 723

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (11:00 a.m.): 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

**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.) "I've Been Changed" ..... Mosie Lister  
(Gideon's Torch Gospel Quartet)

(11:00 a.m.) "I'll Sing the Praise of Jesus" ..... Craig Courtney  
(Chancel Choir)

I'll sing the praise of Jesus who bore the cross for me; his wondrous love so precious my constant theme shall be. I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail, and then forever praise him when safe within the veil. I'll sing his praise at morning and in the noonday bright, I'll sing his praise at evening and in the hush of night. I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail, and then forever praise him when safe within the veil. I'll sing the praise of Jesus, on whom my hopes depend, my everlasting portion, my best and dearest friend. I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail, and then forever praise him when safe within the veil.

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(8:30 a.m.) Matthew Skidmore; (11:00 a.m.) Laura Bates

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

\*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: "Allegretto" ..... William Boyce

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

**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.

**Baptism:** This morning at the 8:30 a.m. service the sacrament of baptism will be administered to Joshua Hunter Nantz, son of Anita and Michael Nantz, 389 Winecoff Street, Troutman, NC 28166. Grandparents Ron and Jean Chislaghi will serve as sponsors.

**New Secretary:** Nellie J. Goodman has been employed as our church secretary, beginning August 16. She moved to Mooresville last March from Maryland, where she served as secretary at the Asbury United Methodist Church. Widowed for the last four and a half years, she has four grown children. She attends the Grace Covenant Church in Huntersville and resides in the Water Oak development off NC 150, west of I-77. We are delighted to welcome Nellie Goodman to our church staff, and we look forward to working with her. She is worshiping with us this morning, and you will have the opportunity to meet and welcome her following our worship services.

## *Calendar and Announcements*

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
9:45 a.m. - Church School for all ages  
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11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
5:00 p.m. - Commitment Committee  
5:00 p.m. - PYF Parents meeting  
6:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social in the fellowship hall  
7:00 p.m. - Concert by Gideon's Torch Gospel Quartet in the sanctuary
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Pueblo Grande
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 p.m. - Through the Bible study with Peggy and Harding Rogers
- Friday: Labor Day weekend retreat begins

**Transition Committee:** At its meeting last Sunday, the Session named the following persons to serve as a Transition Committee: Gary Roach, chair, Chris Ahearn, Jill Herring, Smith Kirk, Sue Stevens and Ginger White. The committee will serve as a search committee for an Interim Pastor and will work with the Interim Pastor in preparing the congregation for the selection and arrival of a new pastor.

**New Members:** Last Sunday Fay V. Alexander, 253 Chandeleur Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117, was received into our membership by reaffirmation of faith. She is married to Ricky Alexander of our congregation, and their children are Ryan, Jordan and Nathan Alexander. In addition, Zachary T. Goodrum was received as an affiliate member. While his membership remains at Coddle Creek ARP Church of Mooresville, he participates in our church with his grandmother, Bernice Melchor, with whom he lives at 505 North Main Street, Mooresville, NC 28115.

**Catechism Recognition:** Congratulations are expressed to Nell Herring upon her successful completion of the 150 questions in the *First Catechism*. Appreciation is expressed to Nell's mentor, Judith McLean.

**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.

**Our church's 2004-2005 Concert Series** begins this evening with our own Gideon's Torch Gospel Quartet. The concert will be at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, and will follow a "Make Your Own Sundaes" social at 6:00 o'clock in the fellowship hall.

**The annual Labor Day weekend retreat** will be held this 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.

**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.

**Brochures for *Pathways 2004*,** Salem Presbytery's leadership training event on Saturday, September 11, are available at the rear of the sanctuary and outside the church office.



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