

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2004

11:00 a.m.

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Prelude on Amazing Grace" Ovid Young
(Christy Floyd, organ/piano)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29:2-4)

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name,
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful,

the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" (verses 1-3) No. 728

*INVOCATION

**Dear Lord, as we gather to worship you,
we pray that we may see you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Sealing of God's Word

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*HYMN: "Come, Be Baptized" No. 676

Proclaiming God's Word

A MESSAGE FROM THE GIDEONS Joe Barna

*HYMN: "Let Every Christian Pray" (verse 1) No. 332

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (page 195, pew Bible) Dot Campbell

SERMON: "Who's Praying...and for Whom?" Ed Lewis

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" (verses 1 and 3) No. 562

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "Canticle of Hope" Joseph Martin
(Chancel Choir)

(Written in 1995 and dedicated to the people of Oklahoma City,
following the terrorist attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.)

Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness. Lord, you are God of the needy and the poor. A sure

defender, You are our refuge. You are the Giver. You are Jehovah. You are the God who restores. Lord, you are God, reigning in righteousness. Lord, you are God in the time of our distress. We call on you, our sure salvation. Lord, you are faithful. You are the God who restores. Lord, you are God, ruling in gentleness. Lord, you are God. You wipe away each tear. You hear our ev'ry prayer. You give us comfort. You touch our hearts and calm our fears. You are eternal. Alpha, Omega. We place our hope in you alone. Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness. Lord, you are God. In our darkness You are everlasting light. A sure defender, You are our refuge. You are the Giver. You are Jehovah. You are the God who restores. Great is Thy Faithfulness! You are the God who restores. Your love restores.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Susan Williams

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" (verse 4) No. 728

**Refresh your people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heaven-born love and grace,
and songs of praise we'll lift before your face!**

POSTLUDE: "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" Alice Jordan

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: 7:00 a.m. - Board of Deacons
8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
9:30 a.m. - Church School for all ages
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
3:00 p.m. - Circle No. 6 (Handmaidens of the Lord) in the Session Room
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens
Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates
Tuesday: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon in the fellowship hall
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Salsarita's
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry
6:00 p.m. - Transition Committee in the Library
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible study with Peggy and Harding Rogers
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

The Saints Alive beach trip is scheduled for Wednesday week, September 29, through Saturday, October 2. Participants should contact Ellen Auten if they plan to ride in the church van. All payments for shows should be made prior to next Wednesday. Room payments may be paid on the trip.

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 Sacrament of Baptism will be administered this morning during the 11:00 a.m. service to:

William Holloway Craig, son of Cathy Craig, 1035 Winterfield Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115. Judi Archer will serve as sponsor.

Jackson Christopher Schaen, son of Josh and Ashley Schaen, 155 Stone Ridge Lane, Mooresville, NC 28117. Mark and Jen McNeely will serve as sponsors.

Whitney Owen Wright, son of Danny and Melissa Wright, 2601 Bay Street, Charlotte, NC 28205. Grandparents Ernie and Diane Crymes will serve as sponsors.

Gideon Speaker: We welcome Joe Barna to our church and pulpit today to report on the work of Gideons International. Employed by Duke Power for 18 years as a maintenance engineer, Joe is a member of Grace-Covenant Church in Huntersville and a member of the Mooresville Gideon Camp. A special offering to support the ministry of the Gideons will be received at the doors at the conclusion of our worship service. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, earmarked "Gideons."

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$3) will be held this Tuesday, September 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The program will be presented by Dori Sanders, from the York County, SC, area. Dori is a delightful storyteller and has authored two novels, *Clover* and *Her Own Place*, along with a cookbook of favorite "old-fashioned" recipes, entitled *Dori Sanders' Country Cooking*. She is featured in an article in the August 2004 issue of *Gourmet* magazine, which is posted on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall. There will be an opportunity to purchase Dori's novels and cookbook.

Nursery workers needed: Adult volunteers are needed in the following nurseries:

8:30 a.m. service: 1st Sunday – Toddlers
3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays – 3, 4, & 5 year olds
(contact Stephanie Woodring at 704-664-4452)

11:00 a.m. service: 1st and 3rd Sunday – 2 & 3 year olds
4th Sunday – 4 & 5 year olds
(contact Jennifer London at 704-947-8837)

The luncheon honoring Ed and Martha Lewis on the occasion of his retirement will be held at the Charles Mack Citizen Center on Sunday, October 3, at 1:00 p.m. The deadline for making reservations for the luncheon is September 24. Please call the church office at 704-664-5275.

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**

Secretary: **Nellie Goodman**

Preschool Director: **Nancy Kortright**

Custodian: **Billy Black**

Treasurer: **LuAnne Sledge**

Hostess: **Jennifer Jordan**

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