

September 26, 2004

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" Eugene Englert
(Christy Floyd, organ/piano)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Ed Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146:1-2, 5, 10)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 56

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Searcher of Hearts, You have known us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. You call us to be light for others when we prefer to keep our light hidden. We have filled our ears with the sounds of the world, we have only timidly spoken of Your great love, we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us. Holy God, have mercy. Forgive us and renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus".....No. 472

The Sealing of God's Word

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ANTHEM: "God Be With You" arr. Susan Geschke
(Middle School Handbells)

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON Ed Lewis

*HYMN: "Change My Heart, O God"..... No. 373

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 16:19-31 (page 75, pew Bible) (8:30 a.m.) Mary Ann Karriker
(11:00 a.m.) Carol McClure

SERMON: "On the Wrong Side" Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"..... No. 480

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: "Let the Words of My Mouth" K. Lee Scott
(Chancel Choir)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with hearts full of thanks to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of our Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through him...Amen

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.)Tony White
(11:00 a.m.)Becky McIntyre

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Go with Us, Lord" No. 747

POSTLUDE: "O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High" David N. Johnson

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
9:30 a.m. - Church School for all ages
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
6:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
7:00 p.m. - Session

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Pizza Hut
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - Saints Alive leave for the beach
4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible study with Peggy and Harding Rogers

Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF Fifth Quarter

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 Sacrament of Baptism will be administered this morning during the 11:00 a.m. service to: Zachary London, son of Joseph and Jennifer London, 7505 Henderson Park Road, Huntersville, NC 28078. Vivian Rogers-Cannon and Godparents, Thomas Eddleman and Jocelyn London will serve as sponsors.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Essie Lumsden, Jones Lumsden, Ray Lumsden, Dave Lumsden, Margaret Lumsden Moore, and Gretchen Lumsden Landeu; and in honor of the first wedding anniversary of Josh and Abi Abercrombie by the Roger Hyatt family.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Joe Crowell, Jr., in his death on September 19 and to Jim Belcher and family in the death of his grandmother on September 22.

Early Worship: There will be no 8:30 Worship Service on October 3 due to the retirement celebration honoring Ed and Martha Lewis.

These Days: The devotional booklets for October, November, and December are available without charge at the rear of the sanctuary.

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)

Saints Alive Beach Trip: Forty-eight participants are registered for the Saints Alive trip to Myrtle Beach, SC, this Wednesday through Saturday. Those riding in the church van should plan to be at the church by 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29. The group will return late Saturday afternoon. All payments for shows should be made prior to Wednesday. Room payments may be paid on the trip.

The congregation is invited to a reception honoring Town Manager, Rick McLean, on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of local government service – 17 of those years as Mooresville's Town Manager. The reception is today, September 26, from 2-4 p.m., at the Charles Mack Citizen Center.



In Memoriam

Joseph Webber Crowell, Jr.

July 17, 1958 – September 19, 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

First Presbyterian Church

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