

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Jesus, Lead Thou On" arr. Paul Mantz
(Carrie Johnson, organ)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 66:1-2, 5, 8)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

*HYMN: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 96

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are too often stuck in the past, O God, nursing old wounds, rehearsing sins of long ago, allowing our visions for today and tomorrow to be stalled. Forgive us for being so intent on living in the past that we miss the presence of Christ now. Inspire in us a new vision, Lord God, that bridges the many good things of the past with the even better things You have in store for us in the future. Grant that we may wholly trust in Your provision for us as we walk not by sight, but by faith, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "Search Me, O God" (verse 2)..... No. 385

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON Tom Miller

*HYMN: "Seek Ye First" No. 349

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (pew Bible, page 692) (8:30 a.m.) Malcolm Wever
(11:00 a.m.) Susan Meade

SERMON: "Now What?" Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" No. 355

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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..... 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: "Psalm 139" (8:30 a.m.)..... Allen Pote
"Speak Lord, in the Stillness" (11:00 a.m.) David Schwoebel
(Chancel Choir)

Speak, Lord, in the stillness, I await your word. Speak, Lord, in the stillness, Speak your word to me; Help me now to listen in expectancy. Speak, O gracious Master, in this quiet hour, Let me see your face, Lord, feel your touch of power. Speak, O gracious Master, Help me now to listen, I await your word. For the words you give me, they are life indeed; Living bread from heaven, now my spirit feed. Speak, your servant listens, I await your word; Let me know your presence, Let your voice be heard! Fill me with the knowledge of your glorious will; All your own good pleasure in my life fulfill. Speak, your servant listens, Let your voice be heard!

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Mike Toma
(11:00 a.m.) Ashley Schaan

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION Tom Miller

*RESPONSE: "Shalom, My Friends" Hebrew melody

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

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

POSTLUDE: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Lana Kelley

Recordings of the 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in honor of the marriage of Lora Lee to Adam Swindell and in memory of their loved ones.

Guest Organist: Appreciation is expressed to Carrie Johnson for serving as organist today, while Christy is attending a hymn festival at Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Cleveland, Ohio. Carrie is a recent graduate of Southern Methodist University with a masters' degree in Sacred Music.

A soup and sandwich meal will be held at Central United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 16 from 5-7 p.m. to support Transitional Housing in Mooresville and South Iredell. The goal of transitional housing is to help the working poor obtain stable housing by giving them a temporary place to live while they pay off debts and save money for a down payment. The money raised for this event will help pay the costs of incorporating and obtaining a tax-exempt number from the IRS.

Wedding: Lora Suzanne Lee and Adam Michael Swindell were united in marriage in our sanctuary on October 9. They will make their home at 1200 Savannah Chase Circle, Apt. 202, Garner, NC 27529.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Seagrove Pottery, near Asheboro, NC, on Tuesday, October 26. Plans are to leave at 9:00 a.m., visit a variety of pottery shops in the Asheboro area, enjoy lunch together, and return to Mooresville in the late afternoon. Cost of the trip is gas money and a dutch treat lunch. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in this trip.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
- Worship Celebration and Congregational Meeting
9:45 a.m. - Church School for all ages
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration and Congregational Meeting
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee
- Commitment Committee
- Witness and Service Committee
7:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee
- Finance Committee
- High school handbells
- Monday: 3:00 p.m. - Circle No.1 in the Parlor
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ Circle (No.3) in the Session Room
7:00 p.m. - Brownie Troop 794
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the Parlor
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Big Time Subs
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 619
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – Night at the Movies
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible with Peggy and Harding Rogers
6:30 p.m. - Fun and Fellowship at Fat Boys
- Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF Fifth Quarter
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers
4:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Recording Session

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All the members of the congregation

Associate Pastor: Fred Coates

Director of Music: Alan Sledge

Director of Christian Education: Ellen Auten

Preschool Director: Nancy Kortright

Treasurer: LuAnne Sledge

Parish Associate: Tom Miller

Organist: Christy Floyd

Secretary: Nellie Goodman

Custodian: Billy Black

Hostess: Jennifer Jordan



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