

*Gathering around God's Word*

PRELUDE: "Three Inventions For Organ" ..... Marius Monnikendam  
(Christy Floyd, organ)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121: 1-4)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—

**from where will my help come?**

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**He will not let your foot be moved;**

he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

\*HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ..... No. 84

\*LITANY OF CONFESSION

O Lord - when there is plenty we often do not render thanks or consider from whence our blessings flow. Yet when there is little - we often accuse You of not caring.

**Father, forgive us for how we accuse You of not being loving (silence).**

O Lord - when there is justice being done we often do not praise You or consider from whence all truth flows. Yet when evil seems to go unpunished - we often question Your very existence.

**Father, forgive us for how we question Your power and Your will (silence).**

O Lord, when the task is easy we often are ready to do what You have asked. Yet when the demand is great - we often take our hand off the plow and complain that there is no help or hope for us or our world.

**Father, forgive us for our lack of faith, for how we talk the talk, but so often do not walk the walk (silence).**

Forgive us O God - and show us the way to new life.

**Touch us and make us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as the North is from the South,

As far as the East is from the West,

God's love, mercy and forgiveness are even greater.

Let us hear again and believe the good news of the gospel,

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (refrain only) ..... No. 319

*Proclaiming God's Word*

ANTHEM: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (11:00 a.m.).....arr. Douglas Wagner  
(Exaltation Ringers)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*HYMN: "O Word of God Incarnate" ..... No. 670

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:4 (pew Bible, page 199) ..... (8:30 a.m.) Debbie Church  
(11:00 a.m.) Judith McLean

SERMON: "Start with the Basics" ..... Fred Coates

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "Thy Word" ..... No. 664

\*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

**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: "I Will Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills" (8:30 a.m.)..... Hal Hopson  
(solo)

"From Everlasting to Everlasting" (11:00 a.m.)..... Mark Hayes  
(Chancel Choir)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Carolyn Brawley  
(11:00 a.m.) Josh Schaeen

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: "Go Forth for God" (verse 1) ..... No. 708

POSTLUDE: "Jesus, Still Lead On" ..... Adam Drese

*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.

**Special Disaster Relief Offering:** the Session has approved a special offering to be taken today to aid in the relief of victims of the recent hurricanes and floods. All of the loose offering and checks designated "Disaster Relief" will be used for that purpose.

**The Transition Committee** continues to meet weekly and asks for your prayers.

**The annual meeting of the congregation** continues today following both worship services, for the purpose of electing eight elders (seven to the Class of 2007 and one to the Class of 2005) and seven deacons (all to the Class of 2007). Balloting will continue each Sunday until the prescribed number are elected by majority vote.

**Additional congregational business, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service only**, will include a vote to elect Dr. S. Edwin Lewis as Pastor Emeritus of this congregation and a vote to act on the recommendation of the Session that the congregation purchase property on the southwest corner of South Broad Street and West Center Avenue from the Fred and Helen Brown Irrevocable Charitable Remainder Trust for \$300,000. The property is 60 feet by 140 feet and is adjacent to our church parking lot.

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, October 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$3). Following devotions and announcements, the program will be presented by Sally Winey, an internationally renowned teddy bear artist and designer. Participants are encouraged to bring their old teddy bears to the luncheon to learn the value and history of their bears.

**Saints Alive Trip:** The Saints Alive trip to Seagrove Pottery, originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 28. 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. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in this trip.

**Presbyterian Women's directory** is now available, and may be picked-up in the church office.

### *Calendar and Announcements*

- Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - Board of Deacons  
8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration and Congregational Meeting  
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3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (Circle No. 6) at the home of Eloise Brawley  
4:15 p.m. - PYF SALTeens (Note special time!) Corn Maze outing  
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club  
7:30 p.m. - High school handbells
- Monday: 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Pie in the Sky Pizza  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:30 p.m. - Women of the Word (Circle No. 5)
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic  
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible with Peggy and Harding Rogers  
7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Christ (Circle No. 2) in the parlor
- Friday: Newsletter Articles Due
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers



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