

Order of Divine Worship
Stewardship Dedication Sunday
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 7, 2004

Gathering around God's Word

- GATHERING SONGS..... Alan Sledge
- “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”..... No. 472
- “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” No. 261
- WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates
- MINUTE FOR MISSION..... Terry Stevens

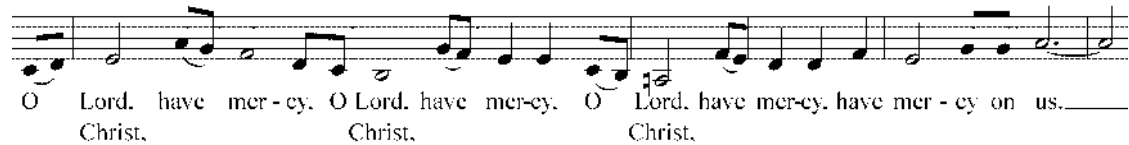
CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98:1, 4-5)
O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
His right hand and His holy arm have gotten Him victory.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

*HYMN: “We Praise You, O God” No. 726

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
As we remember what You, O God, have done throughout the ages, we acknowledge that part of our task as a community of faith is to pass on those memories and values in responsible and credible ways. Forgive us, O God, when we get so caught up with the pressures of the present that we forget how important those values revealed in Scripture are for shaping our identity as people of faith, for shaping and reshaping our personal and corporate values, for shaping our dispositions and our goals. We need reminding again and again, O God, that Your Spirit alone empowers us to live faithful lives. Remind us, too, that, despite our weaknesses and our failures, You are still shaping and reshaping our lives in new and exciting ways. We pray therefore, that the greatness of Your love will be visible among us as we hold fast to the faith that we hold so dear. And we pray that You will comfort our hearts by Your grace and strengthen them in every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends, hear again and believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE: “Kyrie Eleison” Guarani Kyrie



O Lord, have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us. Christ, Christ, Christ.

Proclaiming God's Word

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS: A Litany for Veterans Insert

- *HYMN: “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” No. 731
- SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (pew Bible, page) . (8:30 a.m.) Sam Sanders (11:00 a.m.) Mac Herring
- SERMON: “Hold on Tight!” Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: “This Is a Time to Remember” No. 579

*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.

ANTHEM: “Glory to God” (11:00 a.m.) Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (Chancel Choir)

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.

DEDICATION OF 2005 COMMITMENTS AND TODAY’S OFFERINGS

*Hymn: “Bring Your Loving Gifts to Jesus” Insert

*Presentation of Commitments and Offerings

*Prayer
Gracious God, we offer our lives to You in gratitude and praise.

Use us and our gifts and commitments in ways we never dreamed possible.

Help us to serve as Your partners in acts of justice, mercy and peace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Response: ““Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver”..... Lynn DeShazo

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds

and nothing I desire compares with you.

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Voluntary with Trumpets” John Stanley

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. ...

Blood Mobile: Our church is sponsoring the blood drive being held at the Charles Mack Citizen Center on Wednesday from 2 – 7 p.m. Everyone who is able is encouraged to participate.

Stewardship Dedication: During both services today, we will dedicate our commitments to God for the ministry of our church for the coming year. In preparation for that sacred act of worship—a time of renewing your covenant with Christ and his church—you are asked to:

1. Secure commitment forms (located in the pew racks and at the back of the church), both *I Want to Give* (financial commitment card) and *I Want to Serve* (time and talent brochure), for yourself and/or your family members.
2. Complete the forms, indicating your expectations for 2005.
3. Place your commitments, along with your tithes and offerings for today, on the communion table at the appropriate time in the service.

Veteran's Day is this Thursday, November 11. You are asked to remember all those who have served in the Armed Forces of our country and their families as we remember the many sacrifices they have made for our freedom. Veterans are invited to join the Logos/MSM for dinner on Wednesday. Please call the church office by Monday to make a reservation.

Men's Breakfast: The speaker for the November men's breakfast on Sunday, November 14 at 8:30 a.m., is Leigh Gill, an NCDMV licensed instructor, who works mainly with teenage drivers in Defensive Driving, high speed emergency maneuvers, and off-road return techniques. Men - bring your teenage sons and daughters! Teenagers – ask your father to take you to the Men's Breakfast on November 14th! Please call the church office (704-664-5275) to make reservations, since we expect a large crowd.

Calendar and Announcements

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
9:45 a.m. - Church School for all ages
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
12:05 p.m. - Youth Council Planning meeting
6:00 p.m. - Church Night Supper
- Monday: 3:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the Parlor
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (Circle No. 3) in the Library
7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
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 Kyoto Japanese
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Senior High handbells
7:30 p.m. - Women of the Word (Circle No.5) at Mary Fortanbary's
- Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. - Blood Mobile at Citizen Center until 7 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM *Veteran's Celebration*
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible with Peggy and Harding Rogers
6:30 p.m. - Officer Training
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers
9:00 a.m. - Officer Training



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A Litany for Veterans Day

Loving God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that You have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us. Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms You have granted us. For the men and women who have served or now serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

We ask your blessing.

For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

We ask your blessing.

For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

We ask your blessing.

We remember Jesus' words that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

We ask you blessing.

For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

We ask your blessing.

For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in" with their families or communities anymore,

We ask you blessing.

Keep all our veterans in Your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all Your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Adapted from We Remember All Those, A Litany for Veteran's Day

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Name Tags: The name tags recently ordered are available for you to pick up today from the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Church Supper and mission project: All are encouraged to attend the church supper this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall; cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children (ages 4-12), while children 3 and under are free. The program will be a "hands-on" mission project, packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Participants should bring empty shoe boxes, along with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items and candy to pack in the shoe boxes for shipment to needy children worldwide. A nursery will be provided for preschool children.

Logos/MSM Veteran's Night: In honor of Veteran's Day, all military veterans and current military personnel are invited to be guests at the Logos/MSM dinner hour on Wednesday, November 10, at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please contact the church office (704-664-5275) by tomorrow if you plan to attend, or indicate your interest on the friendship pad.

Saints Alive trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte (\$7 admission) on Thursday, November 18. Plans are to leave at 9:15 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in attending.

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BRING YOUR LOVING GIFTS TO JESUS.

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W. J. C. THIEL, (1857—) 1880.

1. Bring your loving gifts to Je-sus, Will-ing let it be; Once for you His life He
2. In the name of Jesus on - ly. Give with lavish hand; Seek your Master's cause to
3. Aid to spread His holy gos-pel, Send the news abroad, Tell the world the heavenly

Inst.

of-fered, — Died on Cal - va - ry; Turn not from His gen-tle pleadings,
hon - or, This is His com-mand; Come, oh, come, ye sons of Zi-on,
ti-dings—Win-ning souls for God; Wear - y not in faith-ful ser-vice,

Though perhaps your store is small, From His great and wondrous boun-ty
Bring your offerings to the Lord, Yield your treasure to His keep - ing,
Toll - ing on from sun to sun, By and by shall Je - sus whis - per,

REFRAIN.

God pro-vides your all. } Come with songs of glad re-joice-ing,
Ask - ing no re - ward. }
"Thou hast no - bly done." }

Bring your gift with earnest prayer—Waiting for the blessed har-vest, Fruits of joy to bear.

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