

*Gathering around God's Word*

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

GATHERING SONGS: (8:30 a.m.)

“This Is the Day” ..... No. 652

“I Will Call Upon the Lord” ..... No. 653

INTROIT: “I Believe in Jesus” (11:00 a.m.) ..... Marc Nelson  
(Logos Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 12:4-6)

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

**make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

**let this be known in all the earth.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

**for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

\*HYMN: “Rejoice the Lord Is King” ..... No. 342

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION


**We confess, Lord Jesus, the difficulties we experience in living as You lived and loving as You loved. We confess how easy it is to concentrate on our own pleasures. We confess our capacity to be so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for the needs of others shrinks all too rapidly. We confess our failure to act when we see pain and suffering around us. We confess our reluctance to love our enemies and to do good to those who dislike or even hate us. We confess the ease with which we become conformed to the world's standards rather than facing the challenge of conforming to Yours. Stir Your Spirit in us, Lord God, that we may experience the happiness and blessing of being Your disciples in more than name only. Strengthen us to be people who sing and live Your song of love; 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*

CHILDREN'S SERMON ..... Fred Coates

ANTHEM: “When I Turn My Heart to Heaven” (11:00 a.m.) ..... Joseph Martin  
(Logos Choir, grades 3-6)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (pew Bible, page 1079 .. (8:30 a.m.) Ellen Hinson  
(11:00 a.m.) Bob Campbell

\*HYMN: “We Are Called to Be God's People” ..... No. 580

SERMON: “There's No Retirement in God's Kingdom” ..... Diane Harrington

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” ..... No. 459

\*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.**

\*GLORIA PATRI: “Glory Be to the Father” ..... No. 734

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen and preserve our families, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant us true repentance and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:

**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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: “My Tribute” (8:30 a.m.) ..... Andrae Crouch  
(Gene Auten, solo)

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (11:00 a.m.) ..... arr. John Rutter

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

\*DOXOLOGY: “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” ..... No. 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Bill Morrow  
(11:00 a.m.) Peter Kruse

\*BENEDICTION ..... Diane Harrington

\*RESPONSE: “Called as Partners in Christ's Service” (verse 1) ..... No. 581

POSTLUDE: “Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ” ..... arr. Doreen Potter  
*Recordings of the service are available at the sound console located at the rear of the sanctuary.*

**Guest Preacher:** We welcome our own Diane Harrington to the pulpit this morning. She is an Elder in the Class of 2005 and was recognized at the October meeting of Salem Presbytery as a Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP). Diane has completed a year-long program of study and preparation under the supervision of the presbytery and has been commissioned now to serve as a lay pastor. We are grateful for her sharing in worship with us today.

**The flowers** in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in memory of Rebecca Rhodes by Pat and Bedo Culberson and Carole and Curtis Crews.

**Newsletter articles** are due in the office by Thursday, November 18.

**Saints Alive Trip:** Saints Alive is planning a trip to the Southern Christmas Show at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart this Thursday, November 18. Plans are to leave at 9:15 a.m. and return in the late afternoon; cost is \$7. Please contact Ellen Auten by this Wednesday, November 17, if you plan to attend

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, November 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$3). Senior adults are welcome to come for lunch, fellowship, devotions, and a program. This month's program will be presented by Bob and Mimi Dobbins, and will feature their trip to the Galapagos Islands in South America.

**Advent Workshop:** Everyone is invited to attend the annual Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 28, during the church school hour (9:45-10:40 a.m.) in the fellowship hall. Activities include Christmas crafts, singing, refreshments, and the opportunity to make an Advent wreath. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are available to help with set-up, craft projects, or refreshments.

### *Calendar and Announcements*

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall  
8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
9:45 a.m. - Church School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
2:00 p.m. - Officer Training  
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens  
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club  
6:30 p.m. - Weekday Preschool, Personnel & Worship Committees  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Ed, Commitment, Witness & Serviced Committees  
7:30 p.m. - Evangelism & Finance Committees
- Monday: 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: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Arby's  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:30 p.m. - Senior High handbells
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM *Pilgrim Party*  
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:15 a.m. - Saints Alive to Christmas Show  
10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible with Peggy and Harding Rogers  
7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Chris (Circle No. 2) in the parlor
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers  
11:00 a.m. - Port-a-Pit Barbeque sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 166



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