

**Gathering around God's Word**

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION.....PYF members

PRELUDE: "Praeludium III in G major" ..... J.S. Bach  
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 66)..... Russell Mase

With word and song, we gather to praise God,

**Who has blessed us with the gift of life in Jesus Christ.**

We are drawn into God's presence through Him,

**and the burdens we carry He takes upon Himself.**

We are truly blessed, for God has listened and responded to our prayers.

**We worship You, O God, with gladness in our hearts and songs of praise on our lips.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" .....No. 656

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we look around us at the world, at our nation, our local communities, our families, and we acknowledge the presence of conflict, pain and suffering. We confess that there are times when we fail to recognize the suffering and needs of others and so we forget to share Your love revealed so clearly in Jesus. Forgive us when we happily accept the blessings of life while neglecting to serve as He served—with unconditional love, humility and compassion. Forgive us where we are weak and when we fail, and empower us with Your Spirit to be strong, yet gentle, bearers of Your love and compassion through our words, our actions and our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit (1 Peter 3:18). So hear again this great good news, that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are loved, we are made new.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (verse 1).....No. 574

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:15-21 (page 103, pew Bible)..... (8:30 a.m.) Carolyn Brawley  
(11:00 a.m.) Smith Kirk

**Service of Baptism and Confirmation-Commissioning (11:00 a.m.)**

PRESENTATION.....Sue Stevens

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Questions for the confirmands:*

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
2. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
4. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

*Question for the congregation*

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these young Christians, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed ..... Donovan Fair

**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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER..... Fred Coates

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

O Lord, fill \_\_\_\_\_ with your Holy Spirit.

May she/he live in your love, and serve you always. Amen.

WELCOME

Through their baptism Logan Bates and Cody Brown have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. Abby Ahearn, Jordan Alexander, Ryan Alexander, Hunter Crawford, Donovan Fair, Marshall Horsman, Caroline Ladd, Graham Sledge and Neil Trimble, by publicly professing their faith, have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized. God has called these young people to serve Christ in the world. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

The peace of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

MEDITATION: "Gifts for the Journey" ..... Fred Coates

**Responding to God's Word**

\*HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord" .....No. 559

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (8:30 a.m.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ..... Russell Mase

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO: (8:30 a.m.) "He Is Exalted" ..... arr. Stan Pethel

ANTHEM: (11 a.m.) "Blow the Trumpet" ..... Williams/Drennan  
(Chancel choir)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Karen Brawley; (11:00 a.m.) Scott McElroy

**The Sealing of God's Word**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE ..... Russell Mase

GREAT THANKSGIVING 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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION: "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes to the Hills"..... arr. Michael Dicie

***Bearing God's Word into the World***

\*PRAYER AND BENEDICTION ..... Fred Coates

\*RESPONSE: "Seek Ye First" ..... No. 349

POSTLUDE: "I Will Praise Thee O Lord My Strength" ..... B. Marcello

Cassette tapes of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console located at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Guests:** Welcome to First Presbyterian Church 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 by Jo Ann Cantrell in honor of her mother, Janette McDaniel, who is a resident at Genesis Eldercare. The flowers in the vestibule this morning are in recognition of our confirmands, given by their parents.

**Christian sympathy** is expressed to Melanie Lewis Burton and the Lewis family in the death of Martha Lewis's father, John C. Curtis, on April 23 and to Jim Mason and family in then death of his mother, Alice Mason on April 26.

**Prayer Partners:** Volunteers are available to talk and/or pray with persons following our worship services...

**Saints Alive Trips:** The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Reed Gold Mine in Midland, NC, on Thursday, May 12. The group plans to leave at 11:00 a.m., eat lunch together at the K & W Cafeteria in Concord, and tour the mine and exhibits at 1:00 p.m. While the cost of the tour is free, optional gold panning is \$1.50 per pan.

**Saints Alive** is also planning a fall trip to the North Carolina mountains, September 19-22. Reservations have been made at Hemlock Inn in Bryson City, NC, with rates approximately \$153 per night, double occupancy. This rate includes breakfast and dinner. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in either of these trips.

**Camp Grier:** Parents are reminded to mail in camp registration forms to Camp Grier as soon as possible. Camp brochures are available at the rear of the sanctuary and in the church office. Parents and potential campers are encouraged to attend an open house, "Discover Camp Grier Day," on Sunday, May 15, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at Camp Grier in Old Fort. Please call 828-668-7793 to make reservations.

**Vacation Bible School:** There will be a VBS planning committee meeting on Monday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. Please note the bulletin insert for Bible School information.

**Your 2¢-A-Meal Offering** to alleviate world hunger should be placed in one of the special boxes at the rear of the sanctuary today.

**Luncheon:** The entire congregation is invited to a luncheon to be served in the fellowship hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service today in honor of the confirmands. The cost is \$3 for youth and adults, \$2 for children. Take advantage of the opportunity to greet the confirmands and their families and to share fellowship together.



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*The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him...*

Habakkuk 2:20

### *Calendar and Announcements*

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration with communion  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
- New Member class in room 222  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with communion  
12:15 p.m. - Confirmation Luncheon in the fellowship hall  
5:13 p.m. - PYF/SALTeens
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166  
7:00 p.m. - VBS Planning Meeting in room 300  
7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Study at the home of Liz Price  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - Library Committee  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Bojangles'  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166  
7:00 p.m. - PYF Chorus rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. - High School Handbells  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study with Peggy and Harding Rogers  
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 591  
6:00 p.m. - Single Parent Study  
7:00 p.m. - Mooresville User's Group
- Friday: 3:00 p.m. - Middle School Ministry leaves for beach trip  
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of the Omohundros
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

**Confirmation:** Members of the Confirmation Class today are received into the full and active membership of our congregation by profession of faith. We welcome them to the worship, work and fellowship of the church:

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Jordan Richard Alexander, 253 Chandeleur Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117  
Ryan Grey Alexander, 253 Chandeleur Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117  
Logan Alan Bates, 1140 Grace Meadow Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115  
Cody Spencer Brown, 532 Woodberry Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115  
Hunter Caitlin Crawford, 769 Pinewood Circle, Mooresville, NC 28115 (affiliate member)  
Donovan Lee Fair, 126 Jason Lane, Mooresville, NC 28115  
Craig Marshall Horsman, III, 142 Cedar Street, Mooresville, NC 28115  
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