

Pentecost Sunday  
May 15, 2005

**Gathering around God's Word**

PRELUDE: "Psalm XIX"..... Benedetto Marcello  
(Billie Brawley, Organist)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP.....Russell Mase

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 104:24, 31, 33-35b)

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

**may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" .....No. 480

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Spirit of God, we long spiritually to be alive, but our days get filled with meaningless routines and endless repetitions. We long for a renewed spiritual strength. We long to be good disciples, rooted in love and care, but often we are short-tempered or indifferent. We long, O God, for the Spirit of compassion and justice, yet we are frustrated by our own busyness, hung up by our own prejudices and disappointed by our selfish hopes and dreams. Spirit of God, be for us a true joy. Be a healing gift of love and grace. Create in us a new heart fit for Your purposes. Come and build Your community among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"We know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ." (Galatians 2:16) Friends, hear again the good news: through faith in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE: "Spirit of the Living God" (verse 1).....No. 492

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Russell Mase

**The Sealing of God's Word**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Insert

\*HYMN: "Baptized in Water".....No. 679

**Proclaiming God's Word**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21 (p.112)..... (8:30 a.m.) Jack Ahearn; (11:00 a.m.) Lynelle Owen

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 4:1-12 (pew Bible, page 182)

SERMON: "No Longer Children"..... Fred Coates

**Responding to God's Word**

\*HYMN: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" .....No. 461

RECOGNITION OF CATECHISM CLUB (11:00 a.m.)..... Beverly Chappell

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 forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY : (8:30 a.m.) "Pass It On".....Kurt Kaiser  
(Carson Bridges, solo)

(11:00 a.m.) "Bright Canaan".....arr. Alice Parker  
(Chancel Choir)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Jimmy Carpenter; (11:00 a.m.) Adam McElroy

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

\*HYMN: "Let Every Christian Pray" .....No. 332

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Finale from Concerto No. 5" .....George F. Handel

CDs of the 11 a.m. 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.

**Invite** your family, friends and business associates to visit our church. Many people are moving into the Mooresville area, and they need a church home.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in honor and appreciation of the Catechism Club participants, mentors, and adult leaders.

**Catechism Club Recognition:** Five children in our congregation have participated in Catechism Club instruction since last September, and have recited the required 150 questions to an adult mentor. Congratulations to these children for their dedication and hard work as they memorized the entire catechism. Names of the participants and their mentors are listed below:

<b>Participant</b>	<b>Adult Mentor</b>
Carson Bridges	Judy Jordan
Maclean Bridges	Smith Kirk
P.J. DeCastro	Dick Fortanbary
Anna Rhyne	Lorra Lee Holshouser
Lee Rhyne	Pat Culberson

**Guest Musicians:** Appreciation is expressed to Billie Brawley for serving as organist today while Christy Floyd is attending her granddaughter's confirmation in Houston, TX and to Peggy Davidson for serving as choir director while Alan Sledge is providing leadership for the Middle School Ministry retreat this weekend in Garden City Beach, SC.

**Middle School Ministry Retreat:** Seventeen members of our Middle School Ministry, along with chaperones, Don and Jerilyn Fair and Alan and LuAnne Sledge, are at Garden City Chapel and Retreat in Garden City Beach, SC this weekend. The group plans to return around 5:00 p.m. tomorrow.

**Vacation Bible School:** Register for Vacation Bible School this morning in the church parlor, before or after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

**Vacation Bible School Staff Orientation:** There will be a meeting for all Vacation Bible School volunteers this Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please make every effort to attend.

**Graduates:** Please notify the church office of members who will graduate from high school, college or graduate school this spring. We want to include their names in the church bulletin next Sunday and in the June newsletter. In addition, our high school graduates are invited to wear their caps and gowns and be recognized next Sunday at the 11 a.m. service.

**Newsletter deadline:** The deadline for the combined June/July Newsletter is *this Thursday*, May 19. We will not be publishing a copy in July, so please get any articles that you want included in to the office by the above deadline. Thanks.

### *The Week Ahead*

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Baptism  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Catechism recognition, baptism and new member reception  
3:00 p.m. - Knitting group in the parlor  
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6)  
5:13 p.m. - PYF/SALT teens  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting  
7:30 p.m. - Evangelism and Witness and Service Committees meeting  
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons
- Monday: 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166  
7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Big Time Subs  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166  
7:30 p.m. - High School Handbells
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
6:15 p.m. - High School Bible Study at the home of Tony and Ginger White  
7:00 p.m. - VBS Staff Orientation  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: - Newsletter articles due  
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers  
6:00 p.m. - Single Parent Study in room 300  
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scout Banquet  
7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Christ (No. 2) in the Parlor
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers  
7:30 p.m. - "Second Chance" Prom
- Sunday 5-22 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with graduate recognition  
2:00 p.m. - Music Recital in the sanctuary  
5:13 p.m. - PYF/SALT teens  
7:30 p.m. - Session

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, May 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$3). The program, presented by Beth Carter, Historic Site Manager at Fort Dobbs State Historic Site in Statesville, will feature the fort's history, as well as current restoration projects. This will be the group's final meeting before summer, as Saints Alive does not meet in the months of June, July and August.

**Camp Grier Open House:** All parents and potential campers are invited to an Open House at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, this afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to meet new director, Dave Cohn, as well as tour the camp, take hikes, make s'mores, participate in craft projects, and enjoy a casual hot dog lunch, free of charge. Camp brochures are available at the rear of the sanctuary and in the church office for those wanting information about camping opportunities. Please inform the church office if your child is registered for camp.



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