

July 3, 2005

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Russell Mase

PRELUDE: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" Steffe-Wilhousky
(Christy Floyd, organ, Peggy Davidson, piano)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145:8-10)..... Fred Coates
The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,

and all Your faithful shall bless You.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN: "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"..... No. 9

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we come before You realizing that without You we are nothing. Until we lay our hearts captive to Your word, we remain bound to the temporal things of the flesh that satisfy only for a moment. Renew in us a sense of Your eternal Spirit, that our souls will at last find rest. Bind us firmly in service to our Lord Jesus that we might experience the fullness of blessing that You long to bestow upon us. Remind us again that Your yoke is easy and Your burden light. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Paul wrote to the Galatians, "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1). So then, let us hear again and believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed to live the life of discipleship. Amen.

*RESPONSE: "Kyrie Eleison"No. 377

O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy, O Christ, have mercy, O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 11:16-19, 30-35 (pew Bible page 10)
(8:30 a.m.) Sue Stevens, (11:00 a.m.) Smith Kirk

SERMON: "The Yoke of Freedom"..... Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "My Country 'Tis of Thee"No. 731

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's 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

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 ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "Let Freedom Ring".....Bill Gaither

(11:00 a.m.) "With a Voice of Singing"Martin Shaw

(Chancel Choir)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Mark Garland (11:00 a.m.) Scott Vaughan

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"No. 728

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "America the Beautiful" Innes-Fasig

Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console at the back 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.

Appreciation is expressed to Peggy Davidson for playing the piano during worship this morning.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lee Bryant on his 80th birthday by his wife, Billie and their family. The flowers in the vestibule are in recognition of the marriage of Steven Lorn Kann to Lora Lee Brooks.

A new member class is now forming. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please contact the church office at 704-664-5275.

Combined Church School: All church school classes are invited to attend this morning's combined church school class. "We are the Nation." written and directed by Lvnelle Owen. The class will include patriotic readings and music. and will be held in the fellowship hall from 9:45-10:40 a.m. Next week's combined class will be presented by Miriam McNeely, who will relate the story of Asa and Lucy Thurston, pioneer missionaries to Hawaii in the early 1800's.

Church Picnic: Everyone is invited to a "picnic on the grounds" in the church yard immediately following this morning's 11:00 a.m. worship service. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream will be served for \$1 per person; side dishes may be left in the church kitchen. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held in the fellowship hall.

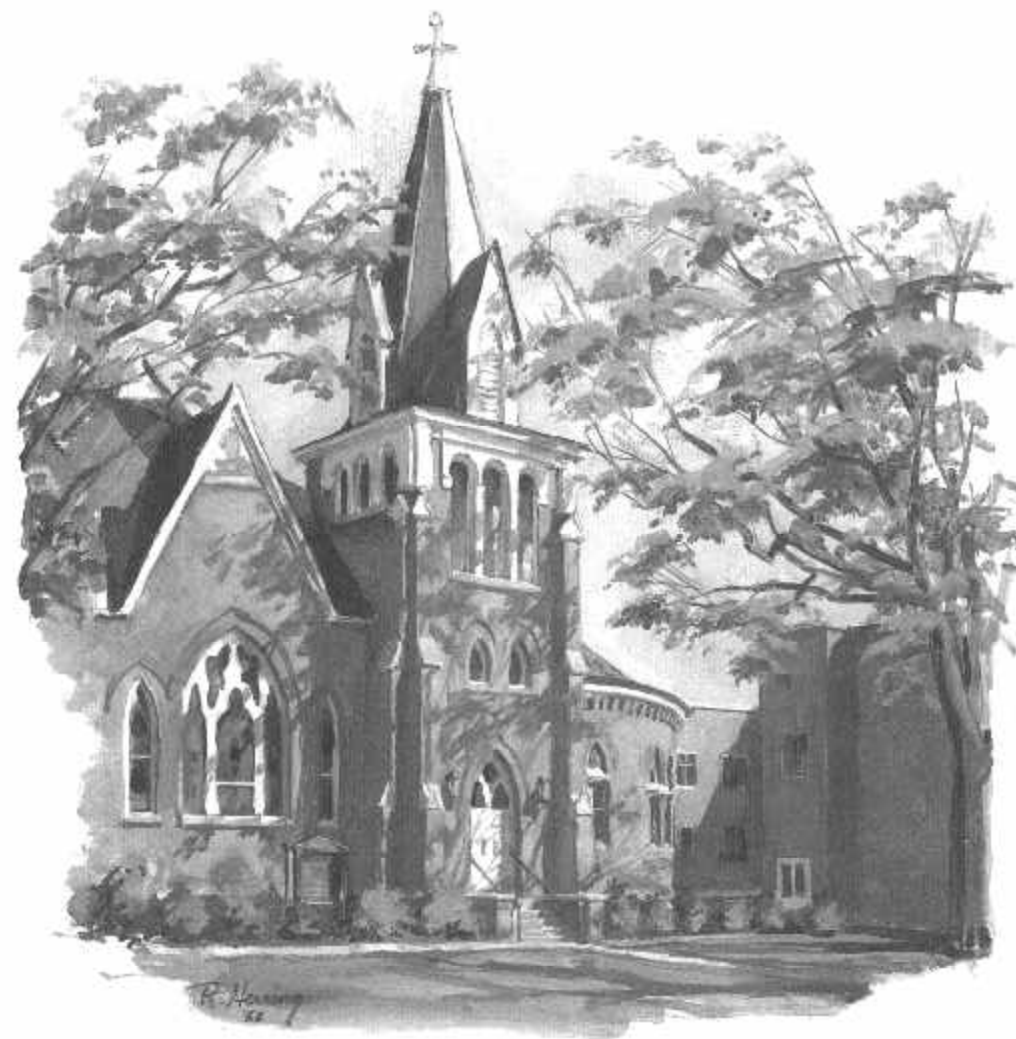
Children in Action: All rising first through sixth graders are invited to attend this week's CIA activity on Tuesday, July 5. The group is planning a trip to CPCC Summer Theatre to see a production of "Hansel and Gretel." Children should meet at 8:45 a.m., and be picked up by 12:15 p.m. Please contact Ellen Auten as soon as possible, as only a limited number of tickets (\$5) are still available.

PYF "Just Desserts": All rising seventh through twelfth graders are encouraged to participate in a laser tag outing to Northcross Lanes in Huntersville this Tuesday, July 5, at 7:00 p.m. Participants should bring \$6 for laser tag as well as spending money for a "Dutch Treat"

Recent Weddings: Meredith Lee Neely and Thomas Hill Peebles were united in marriage in our sanctuary on June 11, 2005. They will make their home at 6114 Rose Valley Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210. Steven Lorn Kann and Lora Lee Brooks were married in our sanctuary on July 3, 2005 and will reside at 35 Greenwich Blvd., #121, Lake Wylie, SC 29710.

The Week Ahead

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration
- 9:45 a.m. - Combined Church School – “We Are the Nation”
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
- 12:05 p.m. - Independence Day Picnic on the grounds
- Monday: Independence Day – Church office closed
- Tuesday: 8:45 a.m. - CIA to CPCC Theater – “The Story of Hansel & Gretel”
- 7:00 p.m. - PYF “Just Desserts” – Outing to Northcross Lanes
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
- 7:00 p.m. - Mooresville User’s Group
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers
- Sunday 7-10: 7:00 a.m. - PYF leaves on mission trip
- 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration
- 8:30 a.m. - No Men’s Breakfast this month
- 9:45 a.m. - Combined Church School
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
- 6:30 p.m. - Preschool Committee
- 7:00 p.m. - Christian Ed, and Commitment committees
- 7:30 p.m. - Evangelism and Finance committees



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

Habakkuk 2:20