

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Fred Coates

PNC UPDATE..... Charlie Bittinger

PRELUDE: "Beseech We Now thee Holy Spirit"..... Dietrich Buxtehude
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 78:1-4)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord,

and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

*HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name".....No. 106

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we seek Your guidance and forgiveness, for we have molded our image of You to fit our needs and we have forgotten how to be awed into humility. We have demanded Your care for our individual hurts and failed to see Your wounded hands reaching toward those with greater need. We have been quick to call for Your fiery judgment on those by whom we feel wronged, and we have forgotten that we, too, ought to tremble in Your presence and squirm under Your intense gaze. Holy and loving God, let us know we are part of, but not the center of, your wide embrace. Restore our wide-opened awe and our humble stance. So may our knees bend and our tongues confess, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith (*Philippians 3:9*). The good news therefore is this:

In Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"..... No. 177

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Proclaiming God's Word

ANTHEM (11:00 a.m.): "He Came Singing Love"..... Colin Gibson
(Logos Choir)

He came singing love (2. faith, 3. hope, 4. peace) and he lived singing love; he died singing love.

He arose in silence. For the love to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singers.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-13(page 185, pew Bible)
(8:30 a.m.) Jack Ahearn (11:00 a.m.) Leeann DeCastro

*HYMN: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"..... No. 88

SERMON: "Single Mindedness"..... Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: ""Blest Be the Tie that Binds"".....No. 393

*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 forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "At the Name of Jesus"..... Cindy Berry

(11:00 a.m.) "Follow Me".....Mark Hayes/Brian Wren

(Chancel Choir)

In the heart of our homeland, fruitful and fair, God is giving us good news, news of Jesus, Mary's child, showing us the face of God, saying, "Follow me, follow me. In the heart of an Empire shining with might, God is calling us to speak, speak of Jesus, crucified, by an Empire cast aside, crying, "God forgive, God forgive. Through the heartache and sorrow haunting our world, God is waking us to sing, sing of Jesus, risen Christ, Death destroying, breaking bread, saying, "I am life! I am life!" In the power of the Spirit changing our ways, God is shaping us to show, show how Jesus lives today; saving, healing teaching peace, saying, "Follow me, follow me."

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(8:30 a.m.) Jimmy Carpenter (11:00 a.m.) Susie Belcher

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing".....No. 712

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Benedictus"..... Alex Rowley

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marti Estes by her high school English teacher.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Liz Rader and family in the death of her father, Dr. Dick Boyd who died September 18.

Church cookbook reminder: Friday, September 30, is the deadline to submit recipes for inclusion in the new church cookbook. If you have questions, please call Angie Copeland at 704-799-1509.

Hurricane Katrina Relief: the Health and Hope in a Box Kits are due today. They will be delivered to the Salem Presbytery offices tomorrow morning.

Stewardship Fair: Come to the Stewardship Fair in fellowship hall on Sunday, October 2, open after both services, to see in a colorful and graphic way how your pledged funds are spent in the service of Christ. A congregational luncheon will be served at 12:15 p.m.

Election of Church Officers: At the congregational meeting at 12:00 o'clock on Sunday, October 9, the Church Officer Nominating Committee will place into nomination their recommendations for persons to serve as elders and deacons. The Book of Order states that nominations from the floor may be made by any active member of the church. *Anyone nominated must have given his or her assent to serve as an elder or deacon. If you plan to nominate someone from the floor, please be sure to get their approval first.*

All Committee budget figures are to be turned in to LuAnne Sledge **today**.

Presbyterian Men's Breakfast, October 10, 2005: Join us for Tom Kirkland's version of "Tool Time!" Tom will take us step-by-step through understanding how tools accumulate in dark places. We will hear how we can justify any new tool for any job, and how to explain that to our wives!

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$3) will be held this Tuesday, September 27, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All senior adults are encouraged to attend the luncheon and program. This month's program will feature a trip "down memory lane," with our own version of "Antiques Roadshow." Participants are encouraged to bring antique items to share with the group, along with a baby or childhood picture

Flower Ministry: First Presbyterian has a number of shut-ins who are unable to attend our regular church services. The flower ministry was started so that flowers no longer needed at church could be taken to these members. A card with a special message accompanies the flowers. At this time, we need someone who will be willing to serve as chairman. If this is something you feel called to do, please call the church office.

The Week Ahead

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration
9:45 a.m. - Church School
10:00 a.m. - Open House at Lake Norman Fellowship
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with the Logos Choir
4:00 p.m. - Executive Committee in Room 300
5:13 p.m. - PYF
7:00 p.m. - Session
- Monday: 5:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166 Court of Honor in fellowship hall
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 luncheon
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Chick-Fil-A
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM - *Farm Night*
5:00 p.m. - Kairos for High School students in the Kairos House (manse)
5:30 p.m. - High School Bible study at the home of Tony & Ginger White
5:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
- Sunday 10-2 **Stewardship Fair in the Fellowship Hall**
8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration with MSM Handbells
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Communion
12:15 p.m. - Church Fellowship luncheon
5:13 p.m. - PYF



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

Habakkuk 2:20