

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Russell Mase

PRELUDE: "Hear My Prayer" Robert Schumann
(Christy Floyd, organist)

MINUTE FOR MISSION Gene Vaughan

INTROIT: (11:00 a.m.) "Honor the Lord" Alan Sledge
(Chancel Choir)

Honor the Lord., honor the Lord. Give with your love expressed; give your first, your best. Give as God your Father gives unto you. Honor the Lord, honor the Lord. Give with your love expressed; give your first, your best; for in each day we live and in each way we give, we honor the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God says: I will put my laws in their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

We will worship and bow down; we will come to the Lord with thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN: "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him" No. 17

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of wondrous patience, hold us close in the midst of our doubts and fears, for the present and future of your Kingdom will demand much from us... our time, our energy, and our resources. Forgive us for having so little faith in your ability to provide what is needed for your work. Release through us a flow of grace and courage that will bring healing where there is hurt, creativity where there is hesitancy, new beginnings where there are dead ends, openness where there has been prejudice, and justice where there is brokenness. Move among us step by step into your grand vision for us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ came into the world to save sinners.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

*RESPONSE: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" No. 470

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Re-clothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Proverbs 3:9-10 (pew Bible page 561), II Corinthians 9:6-15 (page 173)
(8:30 a.m.) Bob Amon (11:00 a.m.) Cathy Irwin

SERMON: "Take It from the Top" Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "All Things Are Yours" No. 687

***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.

STEWARDSHIP SKIT: (8:30 a.m.) "You Can't Take It with You" Martha Bolton

(11:00 a.m.) "Letting Go" Martha Bolton

(The Kairos Players)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "Honor the Lord" Alan Sledge

(Solo)

(11:00 a.m.) "Giver of Every Perfect Gift" K. Lee Scott

(Chancel Choir)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30 a.m.) Tony White (11:00 a.m.) Paul Trimble

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" No. 688

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Grand Choer" Theodore Dubois

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 today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Jayson Stutts and Tracy Goodman.

Wedding: John Jayson Stutts and Tracy Laura Goodman were united in marriage in our sanctuary on October 8. They will make their home at 2856 Hillsdale Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28209. Jayson is the son of Johnny and Glenda Stutts.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Beth Mikels and family in the death of her mother on October 1 and to Angie Copeland and family in the death of her grandmother, Lily Planck, who died October 6.

Election of Church Officers: At the congregational meeting today at 12:00 p.m., 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.*

A Congregational Meeting will begin today at 12:00 noon for the purpose of electing officers. Nominations will be received today and the meeting will recess until October 30 at 12:00 noon when voting will begin.

Lost and Found: There is a "Lost and Found" table in the fellowship hall. Please check for lost items such as coats, dishes, umbrellas, etc. Unclaimed items will be donated after Friday, October 20.

When babies are baptized in our church, they are given several mementos of the occasion. One of them is a counted cross stitch giving the baby's name and date of baptism. We are blessed with many babies in our church and we could use some additional volunteers who like to cross stitch. Please call the church office if you feel that this is something you feel called to do.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to the North Carolina mountains this Friday, October 14. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m., travel to The Orchard at Altapass to purchase apples, then on to Little Switzerland for lunch. Cost of the trip includes a dutch treat lunch and gas expenses. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in the trip

The next Hard Hats meeting has been scheduled for Saturday 10/22. Start time will be 10AM with lunch and devotional planned around noon. As always, the Club is open to all, just remember to wear your work clothes and bring some tools on the 22nd!

The Week Ahead

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration
8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
12:00 p.m. - Congregational Meeting
5:13 p.m. - PYF
6:00 p.m. - Preschool Committee meeting
7:00 p.m. - Evangelism, Worship, Witness & Service, Commitment, CE and Personnel Committee meetings
7:30 p.m. - Finance Committee
- Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the parlor
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Session room
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the parlor
7:00 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Sonic Drive-in
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Women of the Word (No. 5) at Mary Fortanbary's home
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM - *Night at the Movies*
5:00 p.m. - Kairos
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
- Friday: 5:00 p.m. - Pancake Supper for Mwandu Endowment
10:00 p.m. - PYF 5th Quarter
- Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale for Mwandu Endowment
- Sunday 10-16: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at Ginny Swedenberg's home
5:13 p.m. - PYF
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons



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

Habakkuk 2:20