

November 20, 2005

*Gathering around God's Word*

PRELUDE: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him" ..... Anna Laura Page  
(Christy Floyd, Organ)

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

INTROIT: "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" ..... arr. Max Exner  
(Logos Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

**we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

**Give thanks to Him, bless His name.**

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

**and His faithfulness to all generations.**

\*HYMN: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" ..... No. 342

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God we confess that we hesitate to acknowledge Christ's rule in our hearts as King because our understanding of power and authority are upside down. Forgive us, O God, and help us to hear anew Jesus' words that whoever would be first must be last of all and servant of all. We confess our lack of consistent commitment to Your kingdom. Too often we leave the difficult tasks to others so that we can get on with our own safe agendas. Forgive us, O God, when we forget that doing Your will is our greatest priority. Renew us with Your Spirit, O God, so that our lives testify to the truth of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins we might live for righteousness; by His wounds we have been healed. For we were going astray like sheep, but now have been returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:24). The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are sought, we are found, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: "Change My Heart, O God" ..... No. 373

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You. You are the Potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.**

*Proclaiming God's Word*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "Did Noah Know?" ..... Linda Spevacek  
(Logos Choir)

(11:00 a.m.) "Sing Praise to the Father" ..... William H. Done  
(Chancel Choir)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: ..... Matthew 25:31-46 (pew Bible page)  
(8:30 a.m.) Sue Stevens, (11:00 a.m.) Smith Kirk

SERMON: "To See Jesus..." ..... Fred Coates

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "When the Church of Jesus" ..... No. 555

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from Ephesians 1:18-23)

**With the eyes of your heart enlightened, may you know what is the hope to which God has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of His power for us who believe, according to the working of His great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And He has put all things under His feet and has made Him the head over all things for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. 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: (8:30 a.m.) "It Is You" ..... Peter Furler  
(Tony White)

(11:00 a.m.) "With a Joyful Heart" ..... Susan Geschke

(Exaltation Ringers)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Maria Heilman (11:00 a.m.) Brad Chappell

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

\*HYMN: "We Will Glorify" ..... No. 337

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Thanks Be to God" ..... George Frederick Handel  
*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.

**Congratulations** are extended to Jimmy Poteat and Kimberly Anne Cornelius of Jupiter, Florida, who were married Saturday, November 19th in St. Augustine, Florida. They will reside at 2 Nottingham Road, Apt. 7, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205. Jimmy is the son of Tom and Carolyn Poteat.

**First Sunday of Advent:** next Sunday, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion and present our 2¢-A-Meal hunger offering.

**Advent Workshop:** Everyone is invited to attend the Advent Workshop next Sunday, November 27, during church school, 9:45-10:40 a.m., in the fellowship hall. More information can be found on the bulletin insert.

**Angel Tree:** Next Sunday, in cooperation with the Prison Fellowship ministry, you will have the opportunity to select an angel, indicating your willingness to purchase a Christmas gift for a child whose parent is incarcerated.

**Alternative Christmas Gifts:** We often buy gifts for people who are not in any real need of material things, yet we want to express our love for that person in some tangible way. Alternative Christmas gifts are a great way to do just that. Beginning next Sunday, November 27, members of the Witness and Service Committee will be in the parlor to provide additional information and to help you select "alternative" Christmas gifts that will honor your loved ones... and the Lord!

**Stewardship Report:** As of last Friday, \$490,000 has been committed for the year 2006, representing 200 commitments. If you have not yet made your commitments for the coming year, please place them in the offering plate today. Additional commitment forms are at the rear of the sanctuary

**Operation Christmas Child:** Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child should be turned in today.

**Logos/MSM/Kairos will not meet this Wednesday.**

**The Church Office** will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### The Week Ahead

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship with Logos Choir  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Exaltation Ringers  
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) in the parlor  
5:13 p.m. - PYF Hayride  
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons
- Monday: 7:00 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: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Trackside  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - No Logos/MSM/Kairos today  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: THANKSGIVING DAY  
Friday: Church office closed
- Sunday 11-27 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Advent Workshop in the fellowship hall  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with communion  
7:00 p.m. - Session



The Church Staff wishes everyone a  
**Blessed Thanksgiving**



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

Habakkuk 2:20