

**PETER WALDO: Preacher of the Gospel**

On the cover of this bulletin is shown the artist's conception of Peter Waldo bent in meditation over his Bible. A merchant of Lyons, France, in 1170 he renounced his possessions to become an itinerant preacher of the Gospel.

His followers, dubbed Waldensians by their enemies, formed the Church which adherents claim is the oldest Protestant denomination. Headquarters of the Waldensian Church today is the Italian mountain village of Torre Pellice, formerly occupied exclusively by Protestants, who still are predominant in its population.

The Waldensian Church, like the Presbyterian Church, U.S., is a member of the World Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. On this Sunday we feel a particular closeness to all those sister and daughter churches throughout the world who share with us the heritage of Reformation leaders like Peter Waldo, Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox and the rest who pointed the way back to the Bible, to the priesthood of all believers, to the responsibilities of the laity, to the sovereignty of God alone in the lives of His children.

**Fooling Ourselves?**

We Christians saved by grace must still struggle with temptations to sin. Even though we are growing daily in grace we are far from perfect and never will be perfect this side of heaven. Because we are not perfect it is possible for us to fool ourselves about many things, especially our use of our time, our abilities, and our possessions in the service of God.

When tired it is easy to say, "I won't go to church tonight; they won't miss me." When busy it is easy to say, "let somebody else do it; I've served my time." When paying bills it is easy to say, "I'll give more to the church as soon as I get these installments paid up." In every case we are fooling ourselves about our responsibilities.

Every Christian who is adept at fooling himself needs an external word of authority to help him uncover his self-deception. This is the role of the law in the life of the Christian. We need the Ten Commandments, for instance, to keep us from fooling ourselves about our responsibilities toward God and our fellowmen. We need the standard of the tithe to keep us from fooling ourselves about how much we give to the church. A prosperous Christian still struggling with a strong temptation to be selfish might remain perfectly satisfied with his gift of two dollars a week without an external standard such as the tithe showing him that he ought to give ten.



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"The just shall live by faith, not works lest any man should boast." "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;....For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." Romans 1:16, 17

- PRELUDE Mrs. J. L. Coleman
CALL TO WORSHIP
\*HYMN 308 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
ORGAN INTERLUDE (Those waiting may be seated)
RESPONSIVE READING SELECTION 2
\*HYMN 206 "How Firm A Foundation, Ye Saints Of The Lord"
\*APOSTLE'S CREED - GLORIA PATRI
HOLY SCRIPTURE John 8:28 - 36
ORGAN MEDITATION
PASTORAL PRAYER - Response
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERTORY "Lead Us O Father In The Paths Of Peace" Choir
\*DOXOLOGY - PRAYER
SERMON Why Do I Call Myself A Protestant?
PRAYER
\*HYMN 237 "Mid All The Traffic Of The Ways"
INVITATION
BENEDICTION Response "Hear Our Prayer O Lord"
POSTLUDE

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THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH WILL MEET WEDNESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 1 at the home of Mrs. J. D. Beale at 8 P. M. Mrs. George Edd Richardson will be the co-hostess.

The largest group of ladies in recent years attended the Presbyterial meeting in Camden Oct. 26. We had 10 present.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

"Let the lower lights be burning, send a gleam across the wave. Some poor fainting, struggling seaman you may rescue, you may save."

- VESPER MEDITATION Let us enter and pray to God
INVOCATION
INFORMAL HYMN FEST
\*HYMN 61 "Now In The Days Of Youth"
226 "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing"
EVENING PRAYER
HYMN 115 "Take Up Thy Cross"
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERTORY
SPECIAL MUSIC
SCRIPTURE READING
MEDITATION BY THE PASTOR
\*HYMN 253 "A Charge To Keep I Have"
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Alice Littleton on the birth of a grandson Norman J. Littleton, Jr. The happy parents are Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Littleton.

Session of Aimwell Church will meet following the evening service in the pastor's study.

Pictures of the Mortgage Burning Ceremony and all of the other pictures have been prepared for you to view in the vestibule of our church. Please place your order by signing your name on the sheet and the number of the prints you would like to have. The price will be .70¢.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP groups will meet at 6:30 in their regular places. Everyone is asked to bring their Bible and to remind a friend to be present.

THORNWELL ORPHANAGE comes into our thinking and planning as we move closer to Thanksgiving Day. Canned and home grown commodities are to be collected now.