

May 22, 2005

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Russell Mase
MINUTE FOR MISSION Margaret Auten
PRELUDE: "Largo from Serse" George Frideric Handel
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands, serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with song.

Know this: the Lord alone is God;

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised. Let us worship God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him" No. 17
(11:00 a.m., Congregation sings verse 1 followed by processional interlude and then verse 2)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods: have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." Friends, as those who have sinned, let us not judge one another. Rather, let us rejoice in knowing that when we confess our sin, we are forgiven in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE: "Your Love, O God, Has Called Us" No. 613
Your love, O God, has called us here, for all love finds its source in you, the perfect love that casts out fear, the love that Christ makes ever new.

Proclaiming God's Word

ANTHEM: "Here I Am to Worship" Michael W. Smith
(PYF Chorus)

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (11:00 a.m.) Don Fair
SCRIPTURE LESSON: II Corinthians 3:1-6 (pew Bible page 169)

(8:30 a.m.) Ellen Hinson (11:00 a.m.) Susan Meade

SERMON: "You Are Really Somebody!" Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Search Me O God" No. 385

*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: "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)" Marc Imboden and Tammi Rhoton
(PYF Chorus)

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

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

Bearing God's Word into the World

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Go to the World!" No. 553

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Be Thou With Me" Johann Sebastian Bach
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 are given to the glory of God and in appreciation to Billie Brawley for 10 years of music instruction from Katybeth Loner.

Saints Alive is planning a fall trip to the North Carolina mountains, September 19-22. Reservations have been made at the Hemlock Inn in Bryson City, NC. Room rates, which include breakfast and dinner, are \$153 per night, double occupancy, and \$122 per night, single occupancy. A \$50 room deposit will be needed by June 30. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in either of these trips.

Graduates: Congratulations and prayerful best wishes are extended to our graduates. Please notify the church office of additions and/or corrections. Our Presbyterian Women will host a reception in Turlington Court immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in honor of our graduates. Light refreshments will be served and everyone is invited.

Lake Norman High School: Aaron Ballard and Heather Bickett

Mooreville High School: Stephanie Davis, Meredith Fair, Patrick Irwin, Rachel Kidwell,

Jeffrey Martin, Adam McElroy, Matthew Skidmore, Brian Swedenberg, Eli Tyson

NC School of Science and Mathematics: Alex Ahearn

Hargrave Military Academy: Arthur Peacock

University of Georgia – Wesley Roach

University of North Carolina, Asheville – Erin Benson

Gardner-Webb University – Abi Abercrombie

Vacation Bible School: Join us this year for *Jerusalem Marketplace*, a special "re-creation" of ancient Jerusalem. Become part of history as you see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Bible times! You may register for Vacation Bible School this morning in the church parlor, before or after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services or online at www.moorevillefirstpres.org. VBS will be held June 12-15 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Please remember to pray for your Pastor Nominating Committee as they continue diligently to pursue the tasks before them.

The Week Ahead

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Graduate Recognition
12:00 p.m. - Graduate Reception in Burlington Court
2:00 p.m. - Piano Recital and reception
5:13 p.m. - PYF/SALTeens
7:30 p.m. - Session
- Monday: 6:30 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 Sonic Drive-in
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - Weekday Preschool Graduation
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
1:00 a.m. - Exploring Our Reformed Faith
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers
- Sunday 5/29: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
1:30 p.m. - Piano Recital

Youth Council elections will be held this evening at the PYF SALTeens meeting. The nominees are listed on the web site at www.moorestvillefirstpres.org/youth.htm.

A BIG "Thank You" is extended to all who have supported the "Second Chance Prom" sponsored by PYF. The project was a fundraiser for the PYF Summer Mission Trip. Thirty-five youth and adults will be working in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, this July 10-17 under the auspices of Youthworks, a Minnesota-based youth mission organization.

Mark your June calendar:

- June 2 – Presbyterian Women's Birthday Dinner** 6:00-8:00 p.m. Reservations are being taken now in the church office or with your circle moderator
- June 7 - PYF's "Just Desserts"** summer Tuesday meetings begin, 7:00 p.m.
- June 12 – Presbyterian Men's Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All the members of the congregation

Interim Pastor: Russell Mase

Director of Music: Alan Sledge

Director of Christian Education: Ellen Auten

Preschool Director: Nancy Kortright

Treasurer: LuAnne Sledge

Associate Pastor: Fred Coates

Organist: Christy Floyd

Secretary: Nellie Goodman

Custodian: Billy Black

Hostess: Jennifer Jordan



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

Habakkuk 2:20