

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Russell Mase

PRELUDE: "Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving..... Johannes Brahms
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 128:1-2, 4)

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

**We shall eat the fruit of the labor of our hands;
we shall be happy, and it shall go well with us.**

Thus shall those be blessed who fear the Lord.

*HYMN: "O Worship the King".....No.2

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we know we don't have to make ourselves wallow in remorse before seeking Your healing grace. You understand our human nature. You know how unproductive and wasteful it is for us to get hooked on binges of guilt. Here and now we place before You the story of our successes and failures, our virtues and our sins, without trying to hide anything. Give us hearts thankful for all that has been beautiful and good and give us the grace to repent for that which has been ugly and evil. Help us to turn sharply away from all that is twisted and wrong, from all that neglects and hurts others. Help us to turn away from all that harms our own souls. Help us especially to turn completely towards you and move towards the beauty of your holiness. By faith, we accept from You the saving grace that forgives, restores and recommissions us for the business of glorifying You by loving service through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is the one who speaks through Christ and proclaims our redemption. His sacrifice has secured our eternal salvation. So, hear again the very word of the Lord, "Your sins are forgiven!"

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus".....No. 472

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:30 a.m.)

*HYMN: "We Are Called to Be God's People".....No. 580

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:26-39..... (pew Bible 149)
(8:30 a.m.) Ellen Hinson, (11:00 a.m.) Jackie Justice

SERMON: "Inseparable"..... Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Lord of All Faithfulness".....No. 469

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (adapted from "The Brief Statement of Faith")

We trust in God... the giver and renewer of life.

God's Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

**sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*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: "Here I Am, Lord".....arr. Jack Schrader

(8:30 a.m.) Carson Bridges

(11:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Bob Amon (11:00 a.m.) Paul Beaver

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Grace Alone".....No. 436

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing".....John Innes

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.

Refreshments will be served following the 8:30 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall and on the front lawn following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Combined Church School: All middle school, senior high, and adult classes are encouraged to attend the combined church school series, "A Month for Missions." Class sessions are held in the fellowship hall from 9:45 – 10:40 a.m. This morning's session is being presented by Fred and Jean Coates on their recent trip to Mwandia in Zambia, Africa. Next Sunday, July 31, members of PYPF will present a program on their recent mission trip to Schuylkill County, PA.

Saints Alive Peach Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to gather peaches at The Peach Tree in York, SC, this Wednesday, July 27. The group plans to leave at 9:00 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. The group is also invited to eat lunch together at Mary and Dick Fortanbary's farm. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) or the Fortanbarys (704-664-5543) to make a reservation.

Logos/MSM Staff Orientation: All 2005-2006 Logos/MSM staff members are encouraged to attend a staff orientation meeting and dinner on Sunday, July 31, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Rev. Jody Welker, Logos System Associates regional representative, will be the guest speaker, and staff members will also have the opportunity to meet with their co-workers for planning for the 2005-2006 Logos/MSM year. A complimentary dinner is included in the staff meeting, and reservations are necessary; child care will also be provided. Please call Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540) or the church office (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

Camp Grier: Campers attending Camp Grier this week include: *Pioneer Rustic:* Jordan and Ryan Alexander; *Cherokee Rustic:* Carson Bridges; *Cherokee Lodge:* Maclean Bridges; *Summer Staff:* Mary Ellen Auten.

Children in Action (CIA): All rising first through sixth graders are invited to attend this week's CIA activity, a "Tomato Tour" at Patterson Farms. Plan to meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and be picked up at 2:00 p.m.; cost is \$6. The Tomato Patch Tour includes the Tomato Patch Theater, Petting Farm, Wagon Ride, and a trip to the tomato patch. Following the tour, the group will go to Sloan Park for a picnic lunch. Participants should bring a bag lunch; drinks will be provided. Call the church office (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

The Week Ahead

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration
 9:45 a.m. - Combined Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 6:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee called meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Session
 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
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - CIA - "Tomato Tour" at Patterson Farms
 7:00 p.m. - PYF Just Desserts - Outing to the Curtis home
- Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Saints Alive Peach Trip
 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
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers
- Sunday 7-31: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration
 9:45 a.m. - Combined Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 5:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Staff Orientation and supper



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