

August 14, 2005

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Russell Mase

PRELUDE: "In Classic Style".....Gordon Young
(Christy Floyd, organist)

MINUTE FOR MISSION..... High School Logos

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

that His way may be known upon earth, His saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere Him.

*HYMN: "Thanks to God for My Redeemer".....No. 725

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, all the times when we are in special need of Your help to overcome our weaknesses, our anger, our fear. We know that our quality of life is diminished when we find ourselves reacting to difficult situations, rather than acting to resolve them. Forgive us when our lips gladly confess that Jesus is Lord but our actions do not reflect that belief. Forgive us when our need to promote our personal agendas becomes more important than promoting the Lordship of Christ. Forgive us when our apathy and prejudices undermine the gospel of love. Merciful God, forgive us all our faults and fears, we pray. Renew our faith in the living Christ so that His risen presence strengthens us to confess Him as Lord and to make that confession visible in and through our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen!

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved... Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (*Romans 10:9, 10,13*)

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE: "I Will Call upon the Lord".....No. 653

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord (repeat).

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted (repeat).

Sealing God's Word

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)..... Insert

*HYMN: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise".....No. 677

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33 (p. 15, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Carolyn Brawley (11:00 a.m.) Susan Meade

SERMON: "On a Red Ocean or a Blue One?"..... Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"..... No. 74

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "In the Valley Flows a River" Douglas Nolan and Pamela Martin
(8:30 a.m.) Alan Sledge, (11:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(8:30 a.m.) Carol McClure (11:00 a.m.) Leeann DeCastro

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!".....No. 590

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Go Forth in Faith".....Franklin Ritter

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 Officer Nominating Committee will meet this evening at 6:00 p.m. in Room 222.

The Name Tags that were ordered recently are on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Hard Hats Club will be getting together for work and fellowship this coming Saturday the 20th beginning at 10AM. The day will include a devotional and lunch courtesy of the Building Committee. We will be doing some painting and repairs in and around the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary so bring brushes, roller pans, your tool belt, and be prepared to be an artisan/craftsmen for the day!

Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Burnett and family in the death of her mother, Ida Knox on August 4 and to Helen Boyd and family in the death of her daughter, Jo Helen Kittner, on August 8.

Christian Education Sunday: Christian Education programs and workers will be recognized during both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services next Sunday, August 21.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): This year marks the beginning of the 27th year of our congregation's participation in the Logos/MSM Program, a mid-week program for youth in first through eighth grades which consists of Bible study, worship skills, recreation, and dinner. Parents may register their children in the church parlor today and next Sunday, August 21, after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Required parent meetings will be held Wednesday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, August 21, at 5:00 p.m. The registration deadline is Wednesday, August 24. There is a \$30 registration fee and a \$45 per semester tuition fee. Scholarship help is available upon request. Please contact program director Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540) or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) with any questions about the program. The 2005-2006 Logos/MSM year begins Wednesday, September 7, at 4:00 p.m.

Kairos: a New High School Mid-week Program: We are pleased to announce the formation of a high school component to our existing Logos/MSM program. All high school youth (grades 9-12) are invited and encouraged to participate in Kairos, beginning Wednesday, September 7. An informational session will be held for interested youth and their parents following the Logos/MSM parent meetings this Wednesday, August 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. Jerilyn Fair will be serving as the High School Program coordinator; please call Jerilyn at 704-663-7512 if you have questions about the program.

Church School Promotion Sunday: All church school classes are encouraged to attend special Promotion Sunday activities next Sunday, August 21, at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Activities include introduction of church school teachers, presentation of Bibles to second graders, and singing. Light refreshments will be served.

Worship Orientation for First Graders: All first graders and their parents are encouraged to attend a Worship Orientation class this morning, or Sunday, August 28, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 324.

The Week Ahead

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration
 - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 10:00 a.m. - Worship orientation for 1st graders and parents
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 Logos Registration in the parlor
 6:00 p.m. - Officer Nominating Committee in the Room 222
 6:30 p.m. - Weekday Preschool Committee
 7:00 p.m. - CE, Commitment, Personnel, Witness & Service and Worship
 Committees
 7:30 p.m. - Finance Committee
- 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: 7:00 p.m. - PYF Just Desserts – School bus races at Lowes Speedway
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
- Friday: 4:00 p.m. - Newsletter deadline
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Council Meeting
 10:00 a.m. - Hard Hat Club
- Sunday 8-21: Christian Education Sunday
 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 Logos Registration in the parlor
 5:00 p.m. - Logos Parent Meeting
 7:30 p.m. - Deacons

In Memoriam

James "Jimmy" V. Houston

November 21, 1923 to August 4, 2005

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth...
 that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13*



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

Habakkuk 2:20

AN ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation

Persons to be baptized are brought to the font and presented for baptism. Parents promise to fulfill the responsibilities for Christian nurture. Sponsors promise to support those being baptized in their growth in the faith. The congregation promises to love and nurture the newly baptized and to assist them to be faithful disciples.

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ’s ministry of love, peace and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

On behalf of the session, I present ***John Augustus Morrow, Julianna Lee Morrow, Amanda Maddox Abercrombie, and Richard Aidan Beamish*** to receive the sacrament of baptism.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

Do you desire that your child be baptized?

Relying on God’s grace,
do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?

SPONSORS

Do you promise, through prayer and example,
to support and encourage _____ to be a faithful Christian?

CONGREGATION

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture _____ by word and deed, with love and prayer,
encouraging him/her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

Profession of Faith

Those coming to be baptized, parents, and sponsors make vows, renouncing the ways of evil and affirming the way of Christ. The congregation joins them in affirming the faith of the church in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ 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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

God’s saving acts are remembered with thanksgiving, and the Holy Spirit is invoked, that those who are baptized may have their sins washed away, be reborn to new life, be buried and resurrected with Christ, and be incorporated into the body of Christ.

The Baptism

In the name of the triune God, the minister sprinkles water on the head of each candidate.

_____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Blessing

As a sign of the gift of the Holy Spirit in baptism, the minister lays hands upon the head and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized, praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. A baptismal candle lighted from the paschal candle is given to the newly baptized as a sign of the light which comes from the risen Christ, expressing the link between every baptism and Christ’s death and resurrection.

O Lord, uphold _____ by your Holy Spirit.
May she know and follow Christ and be a faithful member of your church,
both now and forever. **Amen.**

_____, child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism,
and marked as Christ’s own forever. **Amen.**

“Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Welcome

The congregation welcomes the newly baptized into the household of God, sharing signs of peace.

John Augustus Morrow, Julianna Lee Morrow, Amanda Maddox Abercrombie, and Richard Aidan Beamish have been received into the one holy universal and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ’s church
to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.