

***Gathering around God's Word***

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: ..... Russell Mase  
PRELUDE: "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord"..... Felix Mendelssohn  
(Christy Floyd, organist)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

**Let the wicked forsake their way, the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Let them come to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon them;

**And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Let us worship God!

\*HYMN: "When Morning Gilds the Skies".....No. 111

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As far as the north is from the south, as far as the east is from the west, God's love, mercy, and forgiveness are even greater. Let us believe the good news of the Gospel;

**in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!".....No. 486

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

***Proclaiming God's Word***

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Fred Coates

SCRIPTURE LESSON: .....Matthew 18:21-35 (pew Bible page 18)  
(8:30 a.m.) Sue Stevens, (11:00 a.m.) Opal Westmoreland

SERMON: A BIBLICAL PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALTH - 5. "Forgive Much"..... Russell Mase

***Responding to God's Word***

\*HYMN: "Amazing Grace".....No. 422

**\*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.....Fred Coates

**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: (8:30 a.m.) "I Then Shall Live".....Gloria Gaither  
(11:00 a.m.) "My Savior and My God".....Jay Althouse  
(Chancel Choir)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... (8:30 a.m.) Phil Heilman (11:00 a.m.) Rick Omohundro

***Bearing God's Word into the World***

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Grace Greater Than All Our Sins"..... Daniel B. Towner

*Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.*

***The Week Ahead***

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Orientation for 1<sup>st</sup> graders and parents  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
3:30 p.m. - PYF "Just Desserts" picnic at the Lazy 5 Ranch  
7:00 p.m. - Session meeting

Monday: 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166  
7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers  
7:00 p.m. - Mooresville User's Group in room 310

Saturday: - Camp Grier Retreat through Monday

Sunday 7-3: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
9:45 a.m. - New Member class begins  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration

**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.

**Worship Orientation for First Graders:** All first graders and their parents are encouraged to attend a Worship Orientation class this morning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 326.

**Kairos:** Registration continues for this new high school mid-week program: All high school youth (grades 9-12) are invited and encouraged to participate in Kairos, beginning Wednesday, September 7. Jerilyn Fair will be serving as the High School Program coordinator; please call Jerilyn at 704-663-7512 to register or if you have questions about the program.

**Camp Grier Retreat:** The annual Labor Day weekend retreat will be held at Camp Grier on Friday, September 2, through Monday, September 5. Participants are welcome to come for all or part of the weekend. Brochures are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Catechism Club registration** will be held in the church parlor this morning following both worship services. Adult mentors are needed to help with recitation of Catechism questions. The 2005-2006 Catechism Club activities begin Sunday, September 18.

**Logos Leadership Training School:** Susan Williams will attend the Logos Leadership Training School at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant, SC, this Monday through Wednesday.

**The Monday Night Bible Study** at Fred and Jean Coates' home will resume its meetings on Monday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m.

### The Session

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### CHURCH STAFF

**Ministers:** All the members of the congregation

**Interim Pastor:** Russell Mase

**Associate Pastor:** Fred Coates

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

Habakkuk 2:20