

October 23, 2005

*Gathering around God's Word*

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: ..... Russell Mase  
PRELUDE: "Hear My Prayer" ..... Felix Mendelssohn  
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

**For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

Praise the Lord!

**The Lord's name be praised!**

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, for hungering after that which does not fill, and for thirsting after that which does not satisfy,

**Forgive us, we pray.**

For honoring those not worthy of honor and for ignoring those who would be our role models,

**Forgive us, we pray.**

For depending only on ourselves while ignoring the vast resources of your Spirit,

**Forgive us, we pray.**

For trusting in our possessions and for ever striving to accumulate more, while neglecting the intangibles of life that give meaning and purpose,

**Forgive us, we pray, and restore our fellowship with you and with one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we have sincerely repented of our sin and rely on the grace of God for pardon, in the name of Christ I can say to you, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" ..... No. 461

**Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what-e'er you love, and do what you would do.**

*Sealing God's Word (11:00 a.m.)*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ..... Insert

\*HYMN: "Baptized in Water" ..... No. 679

*Proclaiming God's Word*

CHILDREN SERMON (8:30 a.m.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: ..... John 14:8-14 (pew Bible page 103)

(8:30 a.m.) Ellen Hinson, (11:00 a.m.) Judith McLean

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "Seek and You Shall Find" ..... Douglas Wagner

(Logos Choir)

SERMON: "Standing on the Promises: Answered Prayer" ..... Russell Mase

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" ..... No. 504

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried,**

**that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. 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: (8:30 a.m.) "Sweet Hour of Prayer" ..... William Bradbury  
(Solo, Jill Herring)

(11:00 a.m.) "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" ..... arr. Anna Laura Page  
(Middle School Handbells)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Jimmy Carpenter (11:00 a.m.) Jay Trimble

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

\*HYMN: "In Christ There Is No East or West" ..... No. 603

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "While You Are Seeking Me, I Will Be Found" ..... Rider/Hawkins

*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.

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held on October 30 at 12:00 noon for the purpose of electing 2006 church officers.

**Christian sympathy** is extended to the family of Clarence ("Bo") P. McNeely, Jr., who died on October 20. Family members include: Peggy McNeely, wife; Margaret Curtis, daughter; and Asa McNeely, brother, and their families.

**The Sacrament of Christian Baptism** will be administered to Mary Grace McMillan, daughter of Tom and Kristen McMillan; Audi Madison Copeland ("Madison"), daughter of Don and Angie Copeland; Brea Louise Brooks and Eva Lynn Brooks, daughters of Jamie and Tina Brooks.

**All Saints' Eve Fall Festival:** Everyone is invited to the annual All Saints' Eve Fall Festival next Monday, October 31, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Activities include games, a hot dog supper, "moonwalk" in the courtyard, candy, prizes, and a costume parade. While all activities, including supper, are free of charge, donations will be accepted to offset costs. Volunteers are needed to help with decorating, games, supper, and clean up. Please contact event coordinators Laura Bates (704-663-8887) or Janice Puer (704-662-8363) to volunteer.

**Floor Maintenance:** The second floor hall of the Education Building will be blocked off for maintenance on the evening of Thursday, October 27 and all day Friday, October 28. You may reach the church office by using the elevator.

**Blood Drive:** There will be a Blood Drive sponsored by First Presbyterian Church at the Charles Mack Citizen Center on Wednesday, November 9 from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. For information or to register, please call Mimi Dobbins at 828-478-9680.

## The Week Ahead

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration  
 9:45 a.m. - Church School  
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Logos Choir and MSM Handbells  
 3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at Ginny Swedenberg's home  
 5:13 p.m. - PYF  
 7:00 p.m. - Session
- Monday: 7:00 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: Presbytery meeting at Clemmons  
 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Steak and Hoagie  
 6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM - *Masquerade Madness*  
 5:00 p.m. - Kairos  
 5:30 p.m. - High School Bible Study at the home of Tony & Ginger White  
 5:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class  
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
- Sunday 10-16: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Celebration  
 9:45 a.m. - Church School  
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
 12:00 p.m. - Congregational Meeting for the Election of Officers  
 5:13 p.m. - PYF

### Slate of Officer Nominees for 2006

#### **Elders**

Jack Ahearn  
 CP Chappell  
 Roger Hyatt  
 Bill Lackey  
 Scott Mauney  
 Eddie Nelson  
 Trent Newell  
 Tom Rhyne  
 Steve Robinson  
 Jim Streetman  
 Tony Woodring

#### **Deacons**

Dale Brawley  
 Don Copeland  
 Donald Duncan  
 Neil Faulkenberry  
 Mike Ladd  
 Gretchen Little  
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 Carol McClure  
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 Jim McDonnell  
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 Eric Plier  
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 Scott Ray  
 Susan Williams  
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#### **In Memoriam**

***Clarence ("Bo") Pharr McNedy, Jr.***

December 7, 1918 – October 20, 2005

Served our church as a Deacon and Elder since 1961

**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 **Mary Grace McMillan, Audi Madison Copeland, Brea Louise Brooks, and Eva Lynn Brooks** 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.*

**Mary, Madison, Brea and Eva** 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.

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