Order of Divine Worship
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2006

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Russell Mase
PRELUDE: "Prelude on *Italian Hymn*"..... Pauline Riddle
(Christy Floyd, organ)
CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 147:1, 7, 11)
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
for his anger is but for a moment, and his favor for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
Let us worship God!
*HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"..... No. 35
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:
We know the church is not a museum for saints, but a workshop for sinners.
Paul said, "All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."
Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us." If we have truly repented, then we can say with assurance that in Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!
*RESPONSE: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"..... No. 386
Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; from earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Sealing God's Word (8:30 a.m.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ..... Insert

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00 a.m.)..... Thermond Thompson
SCRIPTURE LESSON: Amos 5:16-24..... (pew Bible, page 810)
(8:30 a.m.) Jack Ahearn, (11:00 a.m.) Dot Campbell
ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) "The Walls of Zion"..... Anna Laura Page
Alleluia! The walls of Zion break forth in jubilant song; the saints and angels join in the heavenly throng; singing for joy, "Alleluia, praise the Lord!' The walls of Zion break forth in jubilant song! Alleluia, rejoicing in the Lamb. Alleluia, O let our songs abound. The walls of Zion ring with shouts of praise; all joy and gladness never flee away. Shouting and singing for joy, "Alleluia, praise the Lord!"
(Chancel Choir)
SERMON: "Worship: Custom or Catalyst"..... Russell Mase

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Christ Be My Leader"..... No.453
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Based on Romans 8
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.) ..... To be announced

(11:00 a.m.) "The Land of Rest"..... Kevin McChesney
(Exaltation Ringers)
*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" ..... No. 34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(8:30 a.m.) Jimmy Carpenter, (11:00 a.m.) Sparky Hitchcock

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be"..... No.466
*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE: "Worthy of Worship" ..... Mark Blankenship
Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for Ellen Auten, the sweetheart of Saints Alive, by Lois and Smith Kirk.

Community Pregnancy Center: Baby bottles for the Community Pregnancy Center "Baby Bottle Boomerang" fundraiser should be turned in today at the rear of the sanctuary.

Camp Grier: Brochures for Camp Grier's 2006 summer camping programs are available in the church office. In addition, Camp Grier is taking applications for summer staff. Interested college-age young adults should contact Camp Grier at cgrier@campgrier.org for more information

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered this morning during the 8:30 a.m. service to Vivian Anastasia White, daughter of Tony and Ginger White. Allen and Connie Brawley will serve as sponsors. Vivian is the granddaughter of Bob and Millie Amon.

Session members: There will be a special Session meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m. in room 300.

Dead Sea Scrolls Presentation: Centre Presbyterian Church is hosting a presentation by Dr. Robert E. Cooley, former president of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, on Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Cooley's presentation will enhance appreciation and understanding of the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit, coming to Discovery Place this month. Centre Church is located at 129 Centre Church Road; call their church office at 704-664-3160 with further details.

Calendar and Announcements

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. -	Early Worship
	8:30 a.m. -	Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
	9:45 a.m. -	Church School
	9:45 a.m. -	New Member Class in Room 222
	11:00 a.m. -	Worship Celebration
	5:13 p.m. -	PYF
	6:00 p.m. -	Session meeting in Room 300
	6:30 p.m. -	Weekday Preschool Committee in Room 319
	7:00 p.m. -	All other Committee Meetings
Monday:	2:00 p.m. -	Circle No. 1 in the Parlor
	6:15 p.m. -	Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Session Room
	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:	10:00 a.m. -	Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the Parlor
	5:30 p.m. -	PYF Supper Club at Big Time Subs
	6:15 p.m. -	Exaltation Ringers
	7:30 p.m. -	Women of the Word (No. 5) at the home of Sandra Harris
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m. -	Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
	4:00 p.m. -	Logos/MSM – *Mexican Fiesta Night*
	5:00 p.m. -	Kairos
	5:30 p.m. -	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m. -	High School Bible study at the White's home
	7:30 p.m. -	Chancel Choir
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. -	Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
	7:00 p.m. -	Sisters in Christ (No. 2) in the Parlor
Friday:	10:00 a.m. -	Women's Bible Study in the Parlor
Saturday:	5:00 p.m. -	Blue and Gold Banquet in the FH
Sunday 2/19:	8:30 a.m. -	Early Worship
	9:45 a.m. -	Church School
	11:00 a.m. -	Worship Celebration
	3:00 p.m. -	Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at the home of Eloise Brawley
	5:13 p.m. -	PYF
	7:00 p.m. -	Board of Deacons

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:

Pastor Emeritus: S. Edwin Lewis

For up to date information on worship services, activities, a copy of the latest bulletin and newsletter, please check the church's website at: www.mooresvillefirstpres.org.

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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).

Obeying 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 Sprit, 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 ***Vivian Anastasia White*** 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 her to be a faithful Christian?

CONGREGATION
Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture her by word and deed, with love and prayer,
encouraging 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.

Vivian, 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 Vivian by your Holy Spirit.
May she know and follow Christ and be a faithful member of your church, both now and forever.
Amen.

Vivian, 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.

Vivian has 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.

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