

Order of Divine Worship  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
**May 7, 2006**

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

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Fred Coates  
PRELUDE: "Aria From the Twelfth Concerto" ..... George Frederick Handel  
(Christy Floyd, organist)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is like the gentle shepherd,  
**Leading us beyond our wants,**

Leading us beyond our fears,

**Leading us to a place of rest,**

Where we sing the music of God's love,

**And feel new strength to walk through the valleys and shadows of life.**

\*HYMN: "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord" ..... No. 9

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**God of resurrection and new beginnings, we thank You for the new life You have given to all who follow the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, inspire us to take a new leap of faith into His loving, Shepherd's arms. Enable us to know the truth of scripture as it speaks of Your victory over sin and death, that may we accept the promises You make for the future. So, we thank You for Your love which continues to lead us into renewed joy and the wonderful living hope we know through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: "His Strength Is Perfect" ..... No. 637

**His strength is perfect when our strength is gone; He'll carry us when we can't go on.**

**Raised in His power, the weak become strong; His strength is perfect, His strength is perfect.**

***Proclaiming God's Word***

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

ANTHEM: (8:30 a.m.) "O How He Loves You and Me" ..... Kurt Kaiser  
(Nell Herring)

(11:00 a.m.) "Blessed Assurance" ..... J. Crosby & J.F. Knapp  
(Bill Lackey)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 10:11-18 (pew Bible, page 98) ..... (8:30 a.m.) Jack Ahearn  
(11:00 a.m.) Anne Telford

SERMON: "Sheep-Speak" ..... Fred Coates

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

\*HYMN: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" ..... No. 440

**\*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

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY: "My Song Is Love Unknown" ..... R. Vaughan Williams

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... (8:30 a.m.) Randy Oliphant, (11:00 a.m.) Scott Mauney

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

\*HYMN: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" ..... No. 505

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" ..... From *The Sacred Heart*, 1844

*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. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given to the glory of God by Jo Ann Cantrell

**An Enquirer's/New Member Class** will be meeting this afternoon at 12:15 p.m. in room 300 and lunch will be served. There will be several Power Point presentations, discussion and a walking tour of the church. Anyone interested in joining First Presbyterian or just finding out more about the church is welcome.

**Vacation Bible School:** Registration for Vacation Bible School is taking place in the parlor this morning, before and after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. See the bulletin insert for more information.

**Saints Alive Trip:** The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to visit the James K. Polk Memorial Homesite in Pineville, on Tuesday, May 23. Plans are to leave the church at 10:45 a.m., eat lunch in the Pineville area, and tour the homesite at 1:00 p.m. There is no cost for the tour.

**Camp Grier:** Weekly summer camping sessions are offered at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, from June 18 through August 4, for children in rising second through twelfth grades. Registration forms are available at the rear of the sanctuary, in the church office, and online at [www.campgrier.org](http://www.campgrier.org). Scholarship help is available. Parents and potential campers are invited to attend a "Discover Camp Grier" open house at Camp Grier on Sunday, May 21, at 1:00 p.m. Call the camp office at 828-668-7793 for more information.

**Next Sunday, May 14,** our Pastor-Elect, Dr. Clay J. Brown, will be bringing a message based on Ephesians 2:8-9 entitled, "First Impressions: Good News for Mothers... and Everyone Else Too." It will be the first in a series of nine sermons with the theme "First Impressions:..." which Dr. Brown will continue when he returns to the pulpit on Sunday, June 11. The congregation will have the opportunity to meet and greet Dr. Brown next Sunday in the Parlor following the early service and in the Fellowship Hall following the second service.

**The Presbyterian Men's Breakfast** will be held next Sunday, May 14 at 8:30 a.m. Everyone (ladies and children included) is invited for a delicious breakfast and a program by the "Ostrich Lady" from the Birdbrain Ostrich Ranch. Call the office to RSVP.

**Manse Fund:** Please join others in our church family who have made a pledge to the manse fund. Our new pastor will be moving into the manse early in June. Renovation of the manse is ahead of schedule, but WE NEED YOUR HELP. Pledge cards are in the pews. Please fill one out and mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

**Port- Pit-Chicken & Ribs Saturday, May 20** from 11:00 - 3:00 to benefit the Mwandu Endowment Fund. Due to the Lake Norman Day street closures, we ask that all that are planning to dine in and pick up orders enter from the Center Street entrance. Advance tickets can be purchased from any member of the Missions Committee.

**Members of the Middle School Ministry and Kairos** are on their annual Beach Trip to Garden City, SC. Chaperones for the trip are Don and Jerilyn Fair, Will McIntyre, and Alan and LuAnne Sledge. The group will return this evening at 6:30 p.m. Making the trip are: Danielle Bryde,

Rebecca Auten, Amanda Boone, Kristen Carpenter, Taylor Cowart, Elizabeth Brawley, Jordan Greene, Emily Horsman, Dylan McIntyre, John Price, Jordan Sledge, Ethan Wood, Hunter Crawford, Donovan Fair, Marshall Horsman, Caroline Ladd, Graham Sledge, Charlie Heilman, Sarah Burnette, Morgan Fair, and Stephanie Campbell.

### *Announcements and Calendar*

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
**VBS Registration after both services**  
12:15 p.m. - New Member Class in room 300  
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the parlor  
3:30 p.m. - Computer Lab open until 5:30 p.m.  
5:13 p.m. - PYF  
7:00 p.m. - Property, Personnel (in the Library) and Worship & Music Committees
- 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. - Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the parlor  
12:15 p.m. - Women of the Word (No. 5) at the home of Bea Lieu (carpool leaves the church at 12:00 p.m.)  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Whataburger  
7:00 p.m. - PYF Worship Band rehearsal
- Wednesday: 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
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study in the parlor
- Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - Computer Lab open until 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday 4/14: **Mother's Day**  
8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's breakfast  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
**VBS Registration after both services**  
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the parlor  
5:13 p.m. - PYF SALTeens  
6:30 p.m. - Preschool Committee  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee



## First Presbyterian Church

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Mooresville, North Carolina

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

Habakkuk 2:20

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](http://www.mooresvillefirstpres.org).