

*Gathering around God's Word*

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP ..... Russell Mase

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 a.m.)

PRELUDE: Festal Chorus from "Judas Maccabeus".....George Frederic Handel  
(Billie Brawley, Organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: Those who love me keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

**Praise God for his love and mercy.**

Let us worship God!

\*HYMN: "This Is My Father's World" ..... No.21

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners.

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**

I declare to you in the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

\*RESPONSE: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer".....No. 484

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, come and listen to me.**

*Proclaiming God's Word*

CHILDREN'S SERMON ..... Fred Coates

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF A DEACON (11:00 a.m.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 14:1-7, 25-27 (pew Bible, page 103)..... (8:30 a.m.) Phil Heilman  
(11:00 a.m.) Mark McNeely

SERMON: "How to Say Goodbye"..... Russell Mase

*Responding to God's Word*

\*HYMN: "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely".....No. 545

\*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 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: (8:30 a.m.) "Hymn of Promise" ..... Natalie Sleeth  
(Alan Sledge)

(11:00 a.m.) "Higher Ground".....Charles Gabriel  
(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.) Josh Schaefer

*Bearing God's Word into the World*

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING INTERIM PASTOR

\*HYMN: "God Be With You".....No. 716

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Psalm of Glory" ..... Robert Wells  
*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.

**Appreciation** is expressed to Billie Brawley for serving as our organist this morning while Christy Floyd is in Texas at her granddaughter's graduation.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne Telford's father, Nigel Sinclair, and in honor of her mother, Nora Sinclair by Bruce and Anne Telford.

**Ordination:** by action of the Session, Dale Brawley will be ordained and installed as a Deacon this morning to fill an unexpired term in the Class of 2006.

**A farewell reception for Russell Mase** will be held after the 11:00 a.m. service today in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for light snacks and punch, and take advantage of this time to say thank you to Russell, who has served our church so well during this transition.

**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. Applications are available in the parlor.

**Saints Alive Trip:** The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to visit the James K. Polk Memorial Homesite in Pineville, this 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 today, May 21, at 1:00 p.m. You may call the camp office at 828-668-7793 for more information.

**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!

**Anyone who ministers at Gatling Juvenile Detention Center** must undergo new training. The sessions are upcoming and will be held at First Baptist Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Davidson Street in downtown Charlotte from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 21 and 28. You only have to attend one session. For questions, contact the Chaplain of the Sheriff's office for Mecklenberg County.

**2006 Church Directories** are ready and available for pick-up at the rear of the sanctuary today. We request that each household take only one directory. Thank you.

### *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**  
 12:00 p.m. - Farewell Reception for Dr. Russell Mase in the FH  
 3:30 p.m. - Computer Lab open until 5:30 p.m.  
 4:00 p.m. - Men's softball practice at Penske  
 5:13 p.m. - PYF cookout at the home of Fred and Jean Coates  
 7:00 p.m. - Deacons
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
- Tuesday: 10:45 a.m. - Saints Alive to the Polk Home site  
 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Sonic  
 6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
 6:30 p.m. - Men's softball at Prospect  
 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
- Sunday 5/28: 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 (Circle No. 6) at the home of Carolyn Brawley  
 7:00 p.m. - Session

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

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

**Pastor-elect:** Clay J. Brown

**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:** (vacant)

**Pastor Emeritus:** S. Edwin Lewis



## **First Presbyterian Church**

249 West McLelland Avenue

Mooresville, North Carolina

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

Habakkuk 2:20

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