

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 6, 2007

11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP..... The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor
Welcome and Friendship Pads
Announcements
Invocation

PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude on 'Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty'..... Manz
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN: Majesty..... No. 43

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON..... The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor
Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Leader: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

\*RESPONSE: Give Thanks.....No. 359
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because
he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor
say "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 61:1-4.....Pew Bible, pp. 655-656
Martha Peacock, Reader

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1
Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
Unison: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to
my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid
for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that
he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair
can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my
salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and
makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

\*HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign.....No. 341

THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION.....Jimmy Howard

PASTORAL PRAYER 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, for ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give
Offertory: The Whole Amor of God.....Scott
Chancel Choir; Graham Sledge, french horn
\*Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow..... No. 34
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
\*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Mark 1:9-13 (Insert)

"FOCUS ON JESUS: All About Jesus—The Prepared One"

Dr. Brown

\*HYMN: Rise Up, O Saints of God (Verses 1-4).....No. 590

\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: Rise Up, O Saints of God (Verse 5).....No. 590

POSTLUDE: Fugue on Old Hundredth..... Bach

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\* Those who are able will please stand.

If you are our guest today, welcome to First Presbyterian! We're so glad you're worshiping with us. For
more information, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and speak with one of the pastors
following the service. God bless you! Please return to worship with us again.

You can become a member of First Presbyterian TODAY by your profession of faith, transfer of church
membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Elders from the Session meet after every service to receive new
members. Please speak with our pastor in the Parlor following today's service.

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 this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jamie Weyer's
graduation from Appalachian State University and Lucinda's mother's 69th birthday with love from Harry,
Lucinda and Brian. The flowers in the vestibule are given to the glory of God and in memory of the
parents of Shirley Whittington, Mable Robbins Kennerly and Carl Franklin Robbins, by Shirley
Whittington.

## Announcements

**FOCUS ON JESUS Sermon Series on the Gospel of Mark:** In two weeks, we will start a new sermon series that puts the spotlight right where it belongs—on Jesus Christ. **FOCUS ON JESUS** will lead us through the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end. Mini-series within the overall series will provide helpful clarity and variety as we work through this Gospel. The preaching schedule for May is:

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| May 6  | Mark 1:9-13  | "FOCUS ON JESUS: All About Jesus—The Prepared One"      |
| May 13 | Mark 1:14-20 | "FOCUS ON JESUS: All About Jesus—The Compelling One"    |
| May 20 | Mark 1:21-34 | "FOCUS ON JESUS: All About Jesus—The Authoritative One" |
| May 27 | Mark 1:35-45 | "FOCUS ON JESUS: All About Jesus—The Compassionate One" |

We will also provide an optional resource to help you in your personal study of the Gospel of Mark: *Mark for Everyone*. Its author is Tom (N. T.) Wright, one of the most well-known and capable Biblical scholars of this generation. His writing in *Mark for Everyone*, however, is for the average churchgoer. The passages outlined in *Mark for Everyone* correspond with those in our sermon series, so you can read and study as we go. **We have distributed all our copies of *Mark for Everyone*, but we can order more. If you're interested, please notify the church office at [secretary@moorvillefirstpres.org](mailto:secretary@moorvillefirstpres.org) or 704-664-5275.** The books are free, and we encourage donations to help with the costs; \$12 is suggested.

**Discover First Pres Sun., May 20:** If you are considering becoming part of our church, or if you're a new member who wants to know more about the congregation, then an excellent opportunity is coming your way! *Discover First Pres* is set for Sunday, May 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m. We'll begin with a dessert reception at the manse (next to the church) hosted by our pastor and his wife, Clay and Cathy Brown. Then we'll move to the church for a tour and a brief introduction to all things Presbyterian led by Dr. Brown. Meeting people, sharing information, and having a good time are the watchwords of the evening. Pre-registration is required. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact the church office at [secretary@moorvillefirstpres.org](mailto:secretary@moorvillefirstpres.org) or 704-664-5275. Child care is available if requested in advance—let us know when you register.

**We welcome our new organist,** Dr. Steven Mowery to this morning's services. Steve has an extensive musical background and he and his family are making their home in China Grove.

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### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

249 West McLelland Avenue Mooresville, North Carolina 28115  
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#### PASTORS

The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor/Head of Staff..... [clay@moorvillefirstpres.org](mailto:clay@moorvillefirstpres.org)

The Rev. Dr. Fred A.H. Coates, Associate Pastor..... [associate@moorvillefirstpres.org](mailto:associate@moorvillefirstpres.org)

Associate Pastor for Youth/Youth Director (Vacant—Search in Progress)

#### PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

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Billy Black, Sexton Jerilyn Fair, Hostess Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist



11:00 a.m. Worship

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

## Calendar

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship with the Gideons International  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with the Gideons International  
VBS Registration  
5:15 p.m. - Alpha & Omega PYF  
6:00 p.m. - Property Committee  
7:00 p.m. - *Gideon's Torch* Concert to benefit PYF mission trip

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 2 in the parlor  
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Session Room  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166 in the Scout Hut  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred and Jean Coates

Tuesday: 12:00 p.m. - Women of the Word (No. 5) at the home of Elaine Dye  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Bojangles  
6:00 p.m. - Brownies in Room 219  
7:00 p.m. - Parenting Bible Study with Ellen Auten

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home  
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral

Saturday 5/12 9:30 a.m. - PYF Mission and a Movie

Sunday 5/13: Mother's Day  
8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast  
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**The Presbyterian Women** will have their annual Birthday Dinner on Monday, May 21. We will begin with a social time at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. The Cost of the dinner will be \$4 each. Please make reservations with your circle moderator by Wednesday, May 16. Please make reservations for the nursery as well. Our speaker will be Drs. Mike Campbell and Steve Ferguson of Samaritan's International.

**Camp Grier:** Summer camping sessions are offered at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, for children and youth in rising second through twelfth grades, with weekly camp sessions held June 17 through August 3. Brochures are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary; information is also available on the Camp Grier website: [www.campgrier.org](http://www.campgrier.org). Scholarship help is available. Parents: please let the church office know the dates your child will be attending camp.

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