

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 20, 2007

11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP..... The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor
Welcome and Friendship Pads
Announcements
Commissioning of Mexico Mission Team
Invocation

PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude on "Lord of Glory"..... Manz
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.....No. 501

\*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: Psalm 2:1-11..... Pew Bible, p. 472
David Brooks, Reader

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM..... Neely Rebecca Davidson, Daughter of Lisa and Jim Davidson
Presentation
Profession with 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.

Prayer
Baptism
Welcome and Blessing

\*HYMN: Baptized in Water (Verses 1 and 3).....No. 679

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 GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give
Offertory: I Stand Amazed..... Parsons
Margaret and Gene Auten

\*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 1:21-34 (Insert)

"FOCUS ON JESUS: All About Jesus—The Authoritative One"
Dr. Brown

\*HYMN: Christ for the World! We Sing (Verses 1-3).....No. 561

\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: Christ for the World! We Sing (Verse 4).....No. 561

POSTLUDE: Bless, O My Soul, the Living God..... Ashford

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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 in honor of Margaret Heilman
and in memory of John Heilman, Fernando de Andres and Luz Lose by their children, Phil and Maria
Heilman.

## Announcements

**FOCUS ON JESUS Sermon Series on the Gospel of Mark:** Our current sermon series 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 late May, June, and early July is:**

May 27	Mark 1:35-45	<b>FOCUS ON JESUS: All About Jesus—The Compassionate One</b>
June 3	Mark 2:1-12	<b>FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Health</b>
June 10	Mark 2:13-17	<b>FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Direction</b>
June 17	Mark 2:18-22	<b>FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Joy</b>
June 24	Mark 2:23-28	<b>FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Freedom</b>
July 1	Mark 3:1-6	<b>FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Resolve</b>

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@mooresvillefirstpres.org](mailto:secretary@mooresvillefirstpres.org) or 704-664-5275.** The books are free, and we encourage donations to help with the costs; \$12 is suggested.

**Discover First Pres Tonight:** If you are considering becoming a member of First Presbyterian 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 today, 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 talk with Dr. Brown today.**

**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 \$5 each. Please make reservations with your circle moderator. Please make reservations for the nursery as well. Our speakers will be Drs. Mike Campbell and Steve Ferguson of Samaritan's International.

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, May 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The program, "First Presbyterian/Mooresville: Years Gone By," will be presented by Al Culp. Come and learn some interesting facts about local and congregational history.

**Vacation Bible School Registration:** Registration is being held for this summer's Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 24-27. Stop by the table in the parlor before or after the worship services to fill out a registration form. Classes are held for all ages, and adult and teen volunteers are needed in all parts of the program.

**Camp Grier Open House:** Camp Grier is hosting a "Discover Camp Grier Day" this afternoon at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. Parents and potential campers (as well as all interested persons) are invited to meet director Dave Cohn, tour the facilities, and become familiar with the camp.

**College Fellowship:** All college-age students are invited to a cook-out/swim activity on Saturday, May 26, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Carpenter's home, 261 Colony Drive. Please RSVP to Ashley Schaben by May 24. 704-663-1140.



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  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Baptism  
VBS Registration  
1:00 p.m. - *Discover Camp Grier Day* at Camp Grier  
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at the home of Eloise Brawley  
6:00 p.m. - *Discover First Pres*  
6:00 p.m. - Diaconate meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Budget & Finance & Missions Committee Meetings

Monday: 5:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Birthday Dinner in FH  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166 in the Scout Hut  
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - *Exploring Our Reformed Faith* group  
12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive Luncheon  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Hero  
6:00 p.m. - Brownies in Room 219  
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. - Parenting Bible Study with Ellen Auten

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner  
7:00 p.m. - VBS Planning Committee in room 300  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: Mission Trip to Yucatan leaves  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home

Sunday 5/27: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
5:15 p.m. - Alpha & Omega PYF  
7:00 p.m. - Session

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Dan Toma, surgery on Monday; Ellen McGuirt; Shirley Crowley; Lucille McClure; Ashley Teeter; Sandy Bickett; Terry Stevens; Matha Andrews; John McClure; A1C Tim Irwin, USAF, Cpl. James Gordon, USMC; Capt. Scott Goodrich, U.S. Army, Iraq (nephew of Sue Kopecek) and Laban Thompson and shipmates on the USS Guardian.

**Parenting Bible Study:** All parents are encouraged to attend the Parenting Bible Study this Tuesday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. This week's topic is "Birth Order – And What You Need to Know About It." Child care is provided by members of PYF as a fundraiser for their summer mission trip. Please contact the church office to make a nursery reservation.

**Middle School Ministry/Kairos Retreat:** Seventeen members of our Middle School and Kairos Ministry along with chaperones, Jerilyn Fair, Will McIntyre and Alan and LuAnne Sledge, are on a Retreat in Garden City Beach, SC this weekend. The group plans to return around 6:00 p.m. today.

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**Mark 1:21-34 (ESV)**

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**SERMON TEXT**

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*29*And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. *30*Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. *31*And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

*32*That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. *33*And the whole city was gathered together at the door. *34*And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

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