

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 27, 2007

11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- Welcome and Friendship Pads
- Announcements
- Invocation

PRELUDE: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*Hailstork
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*..... No. 96

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we have praised You with our lips but have not glorified You with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our brief faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasms that just as quickly die, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in Your power that we may live for justice and tell of Your loving kindness by our acts as by our words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: *Change My Heart, O God*.....No. 373

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like You. You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold and me and make me, this is what I pray: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:1-13.....Pew Bible, pp. 112-113
Tom Kirkland, Reader

*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.

*HYMN: *Let Every Christian Pray*.....No. 332

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: *Good News!*.....Arr. Simms

Chancel Choir

*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 1:35-45-34 (Insert)

“FOCUS ON JESUS: All About Jesus—The Compassionate One”

Dr. Coates

*HYMN: *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* (Verses 1-3).....No. 581

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* (Verse 4).....No. 581

POSTLUDE: *Voluntary in D Major*..... Selby

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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 memory of Troy, Arcola and Gartell Sloan and Woody, Donna and Kathleen Sink by Don and Gwen Sink.

Announcements

Recent Prayer Requests: Eloise Brawley; Don Fair; Fred Kann; Margaret Auten & family; Ellen McGuirt; Dan Toma; Don Sink; Lucille McClure; Terry Stevens; Martha Andrews; John McClure; SrA 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.

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 June and early July is:**

June 3	Mark 2:1-12	FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Health
June 10	Mark 2:13-17	FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Direction
June 17	Mark 2:18-22	FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Joy
June 24	Mark 2:23-28	FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Freedom
July 1	Mark 3:1-6	FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Resolve

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 or 704-664-5275.** The books are free, and we encourage donations to help with the costs; \$12 is suggested.

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.

Parenting Bible Study: All parents are encouraged to attend the final session in the Parenting Bible Study this Tuesday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 222. This week's topic is "Helping Kids Overcome the Negative Influence of the Internet, the Media and Technology." Child care is provided by members of PYPF as a fundraiser for their upcoming summer mission trip. Please contact the church office to make a nursery reservation.

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If you have not made an appointment to have your picture taken for the new church directory or if you need to change your appointment, please call this toll-free number: 704-866-2253. We have added an extra day, June 18.



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
VBS Registration
7:00 p.m. - Session meeting

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7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166 in the Scout Hut

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Steak & Hoagie
6:00 p.m. - Brownies in Room 219
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Mark 1:35-45 (ESV)

SERMON TEXT

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