

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

June 3, 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 "Ein' Feste Burg"*.....Pachelbel  
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN: *This Is My Father's World*.....No. 21  
Procession of First Presbyterian Church Graduates

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON.....The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor  
Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, through Jesus Christ you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of your Body. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves. We cling to destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow the past to hold us hostage and live in fear of the future. In your loving kindness, O Lord, have mercy on us. Free us from our sin. Remind us of your promises, so that we may rise to new life, and live daily in your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray; 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 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.*

ANTHEM: *Give Me Jesus*.....arr: Wagner  
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 2:1-11.....Pew Bible, p. 472  
Dorothy Campbell, Reader

PRESENTATION TO GRADUATES

\*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: *God's Holy Ways Are Just and True*.....No. 663

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: *As The Deer*.....Nystrom  
Chris Lieu, violin and Christy Floyd, piano

\*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 2:1-12 (Insert)

*FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Health*

Dr. Brown

\*HYMN: *We Will Glorify* (Verses 1-3).....No. 337  
Recession of First Presbyterian Church Graduates

\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: *We Will Glorify* (Verse 4).....No.337

POSTLUDE: *The Christus*.....Young

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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 Mr. and Mrs. Deron Vaughn who were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 2. The flowers in the vestibule are given in memory of Jim Drye by his family.

## 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 June and early July is:**

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

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

**Sincere congratulations** are expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Deron Vaughan on their marriage on June 2. Laura is the daughter of John and Nancy Smith of our congregation. They are residing at 1507 Cold Creek Place, Huntersville, NC 28078.

**Christian sympathy** is expressed to Elaine Drye and family in the death of Jim Drye on May 28 and to Joyce Sloop and family in the death of Robert Sloop on May 31.

### In Memoriam

*James Michael Drye*

December 13, 1946 – May 28, 2007

Deacon and Elder since 1995

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

249 West McLelland Avenue  
Mooresville, North Carolina 28115  
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*The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silent before Him.*

Habbakkuk 2:20

## *Calendar*

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship and High School Graduate Recognition  
12:00 p.m. - Graduate Reception  
12:15 p.m. - PYF leaves for "Virginia Creeper"

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

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - Library Committee  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Tony's Pizza  
6:00 p.m. - Brownies in Room 219  
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts

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  
7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Christ (No. 2) in the parlor

Saturday: 12:00 p.m. - Wedding

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8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast  
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**Recent Prayer Requests:** Joyce Sloop and family; Elaine Drye and family; Marilyn Beaver; 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 Iwiri; 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.

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