

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

June 17, 2007

11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor

Welcome and Friendship Pads
Announcements
Invocation

PRELUDE: Trumpet Tune on “Cebell”.....Clarke

Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** “Stand Up and Bless the Lord”.....Hymnal, No. 11

***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:** “Change My Heart, O God”.....Hymnal, 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.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 36:22-27Pew Bible, pp. 763-764

Mitchell Mack, Reader

COMMISSIONING OF MWANDI MISSION TRIP TEAM

***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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory: “Bless the Lord, O My Soul”.....Nygard

Chancel Choir

*Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”.....Hymnal, 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 2:18-22 (Insert)

“FOCUS ON JESUS: New Life from Jesus—New Joy”

Dr. Brown

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Post-Communion Prayer

***INVITATION AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE:** “The Lord’s Prayer”.....Hymnal, No. 740

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.

POSTLUDE: “O God, Thou Faithful God”.....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 worshipping 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 and memory of all fathers everywhere by John and Beth Rafi and family.

Special thanks to Peggy Davidson as she directs the Chancel Choir this morning.

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.

CURRENT MINI-SERIES: NEW LIFE FROM JESUS		
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>
NEW MINI-SERIES: INSIDERS & OUTSIDERS		
July 8	Mark 3:7-19	<i>FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—From the Outside Looking In</i>
July 15	Mark 3:20-30	<i>FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—Way Outside!</i>
July 22	Mark 3:31-35	<i>FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—The Inner Circle</i>
July 29	Mark 4:1-20	<i>FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—Are You In or Out?</i>
Aug. 5	Mark 4:21-25	<i>FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—The Inside Scoop</i>
Aug. 12	Mark 4:26-34	<i>FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—From the Inside Looking Out</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 or 704-664-5275.** The books are free, and we encourage donations to help with the costs; \$12 is suggested.

Come to 2007 Vacation Bible School and set out on a seaside adventure without even having to pack and leave town! Bring the entire family to Galilee By-the-Sea! You will travel back into Bible times where you can become part of history as you see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Bible times! You will explore authentic marketplace shops, visit the Synagogue, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about life when Jesus walked the earth. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate! Participants will join together to form small tribal families - one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Small family Tribes ensure that every participant is welcomed, encouraged to participate, and affirmed.

Mark these dates and times on your calendar:

Sunday, June 24 to Wednesday, June 27, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

All activities will take place here at First Presbyterian, and activities will be available for **all** ages. A snack supper will be served each evening; nursery care will be provided. Registration forms are available in the church office and at the table in the church parlor. Call the church office (704-664-5275) if you have questions.

Saints Alive Trip: Join Saints Alive on a trip to an outdoor Charlotte Symphony concert, "A Star-Spangled Evening," at McGuire's Energy Explorium on Thursday evening, June 28. The group plans to leave at 6:00 p.m. and participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and a picnic supper. There is no charge for the concert. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.

Announcements are continued on the calendar page.



June 17, 2007
11:00 a.m. Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Habbakkuk 2:20

Calendar

Sunday: **Happy Father's Day**
8:30 a.m. - Worship with Communion
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6)
7:00 p.m. - Diaconate

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

Tuesday: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Cook Out

Wednesday: New sletter Deadline
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner
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Children in Action: All children in rising first through sixth grades are encouraged to participate in Children in Action (CIA) activities this summer. The first activity, a trip to the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, will be held this Tuesday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$2.50. Participants should bring a bag lunch; drinks will be provided. Please contact Ellen Auten to register.

Church Picnic: Everyone is encouraged to attend our congregation's annual Independence Day picnic on Sunday, July 1, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The picnic will be held in the fenced yard next to the manse, and in the fellowship hall in the event of rain. The church will provide barbecue for \$1 per person and everyone is asked to bring a side dish, a dessert, and lawn chairs or blankets.

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