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July 22, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

Welcome and Friendship Pads

Announcements

Invocation

PRELUDE: "Simple Gifts".....Held

Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: "We Come, O Christ, to You".....Hymnal, No. 110

*CONFESSION AND PARDON.....The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: "Awesome God".....Hymnal, No. 658

Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love—Our God is an awesome God! (Repeat)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 119:33-40Pew Bible, p. 543

Paul Trimble, Reader

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Nicene Creed"

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and

his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*HYMN: "Be Still, My Soul".....Hymnal, No. 451

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: "Christ Lives On".....Choplin

Alan and LuAnne Sledge, Duet

*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 3:31-35 (Insert)

"FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—The Inner Circle"

Dr. Brown

*HYMN: "Go Forth for God" (Verses 1-3).....Hymnal, No. 708

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Go Forth for God" (Verse 4).....Hymnal, No. 708

POSTLUDE: "Allegro from the Suite Gothique".....Boellmann

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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 during the time of refreshments 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 thankfulness to God for our parents, Bedo and Pat Culberson on their 50th wedding anniversary by Craig Culberson and Carole Crews.

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. We have started a new mini-series within **FOCUS ON JESUS**. The title of this new mini-series is “**Insiders & Outsiders,**” and it will take us through most of chapters 3 and 4 of Mark. The remaining sermons for “**Insiders & Outsiders**” are below:

<i>DATE</i>	<i>SCRIPTURE</i>	<i>TITLE</i>
July 22	Mark 3:31-35	FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—The Inner Circle
July 29	Mark 4:1-20	FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—Are You In or Out?
Aug. 5	Mark 4:21-25	FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—The Inside Scoop
Aug. 12	Mark 4:26-34	FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—From the Inside Looking Out

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.

Combined Church School: All middle school, senior high and adult church school classes are encouraged to attend a combined class during the month of July from 9:45-10:40 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This morning's class session will be presented by PYF members and their advisors who participated in the YouthWorks mission trip to Daytona Beach, FL, earlier this month. Next week's class session will be led by Fred Coates and other participants in the recent mission trip to Mvandi in Zambia, Africa.

Children in Action: All rising first through sixth graders are invited to attend this week's CIA activity, scheduled for this Tuesday, July 24. The group plans to have a swimming outing at the home of Mary and Mark Kidwell. Children should meet at the church at 10:00 a.m.; pick up is at 1:00 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and swimming gear; drinks will be provided.

Saints Alive Trip to Abingdon: Participants should meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. this Wednesday, July 25, for the trip to Abingdon. The group plans to return Thursday afternoon.

Saints Alive Beach Trip: Please contact Ellen Auten by Wednesday, August 1, if you are interested in the Saints Alive trip to Island Vista in Myrtle Beach, SC, scheduled for October 24-27.

Everyone is cordially invited to join Bedo and Pat Culberson in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments after the 11:00 Worship Service this morning as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



**July 22, 2007
11:00 a.m. Worship**

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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. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Combined Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
12:30 p.m. - 50th Anniversary Celebration for Pat & Bedo Culberson in FH
5:30 p.m. - PYF Pool Party at the Greene's home
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

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

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - CIA swimming at the Kidwell's home

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - Saints Alive to Abingdon, VA
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. - Community Association meeting in the FH

Sunday 7/29: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
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11:00 a.m. - Worship
12:15 p.m. - 5th & 6th grade Sunday School outing to Hitchcock's home

6:00 p.m. - "Step Two" training in Dr. Brown's office

Recent Prayer Requests: Anna Rhyne; Faye Wright; Irene Combs (Emily Kirkland's mother); Byron Crowley; Dwight Windsor (Keith's father); Nancy Smith; Shelia Peacock; Liz Price; Randy Oliphant; Terry Stevens; Martha Andrews; John McClure; Charles Dixon; Sr. A Tim Irwin, USAF; Cpl. James Gordon, USMC; Capt. Scott Goodrich, U.S. Army, Iraq (nephew of Sue Kopecek) and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson and shipmates on the USS Guardian.

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