

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

August 5, 2007

11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor

- Welcome and Friendship Pads
Announcements
Invocation

PRELUDE: "O Worship the King".....Mudde
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN: "Shine, Jesus, Shine".....Hymnal, No. 319

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

- Call to Confession
Silent Prayers of Confession
Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You call us to Your table of grace to enjoy Your presence, to experience Your healing, to be made one with Your people of every time and place. But we dare not come to the table with dirty hands and sin-stained hearts. Only Your forgiveness can make us clean within. We confess we have edged You to the fringes of our lives as we have become occupied with countless so-called "urgent" matters. We confess we have fooled ourselves into believing we are too busy to pray and too exhausted to serve. We have devised clever justifications for ignoring the poor and avoiding those in despair. Forgive us, dear Lord, and help us to do better. Help us order our days and our deeds according to Your will. Open our hearts to the needs of those who cannot return our favors. Grant us pardon, and comfort us with the assurance of your Spirit. Then shall we be free to celebrate Your feast of love with the saints of this and every time and place, 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: "Gloria Patri".....Hymnal, No. 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 11:1-5.....Pew Bible, p. 593
Curtis Crews, 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: "Thy Word".....Hymnal, No. 664

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- Invitation to Give
Offertory: "High on the Rock I Stand".....Mengel
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 4:21-25 (Insert)

"FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—The Inside Scoop"

Dr. Coates

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 BENEDICTION

\*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: "I Adore Thee".....Casner

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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 a pastor during the time of refreshments following today's service.

## Announcements

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 Emma Newell's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday by her family.

**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:

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

**Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM):** This year marks the beginning of the 29<sup>th</sup> year of our congregation's participation in the Logos Program. Our Logos program is a mid-week (Wednesdays, 4:00-7:15 p.m.) program for youth in first through eighth grades, and consists of Bible study, worship skills, recreation, and dinner. Logos is for children in first through sixth grades, while MSM is for seventh and eighth graders.

The primary goal of the Logos Program is to develop genuine and lasting relationships between young people and Jesus Christ, between young people and their ministers, parents and other adults in the congregation, as well as their peers.

Parents may register their children for the program in the church parlor beginning today, as well as on the following two Sundays, August 12 and 19, after both worship services. Required parent meetings will take place in the church parlor on Sunday, August 19 and Wednesday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m. **The registration deadline is Sunday, August 26.** Fees include a \$30 registration fee and a \$45 per semester tuition fee. Scholarship help is available upon request. Please contact program director Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540), assistant director Leeann DeCastro (704-660-5248) or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) with questions about the program. The 2007-2008 Logos year begins Wednesday, September 5.

**Camp Grier Retreat:** The annual congregational Labor Day retreat is scheduled for August 31-September 2 at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. Participants are welcome to come for all or part of the weekend. Brochures are available at the rear of the sanctuary and in the church office. **Please turn in registration forms with payment by Friday, August 24.**

**Children in Action:** All rising first through sixth graders are encouraged to attend the last outing of the summer this Tuesday, August 7. The group plans to go to Discovery Place in Charlotte; cost is \$7. Participants should bring a bag lunch; drinks will be provided. Children should be at church by 9:30 a.m. and picked up at 3:30 p.m. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) by Monday, August 6, to make a reservation.



July 29, 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 with Communion  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion  
Logos/MSM Registration  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Rodeo Night at Stegall's, Odell School Rd.

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

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