

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: Variations on “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”.....Johnson
Billie Brawley, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** “We Gather Together”.....Hymnal, No. 81

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession
Silent Prayers of Confession
Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, You have set forth the way of life for us in Jesus of Nazareth. We confess that we have been slow to learn from His example. You have spoken to us and called us, and we have not followed. Your beauty has been expressed in the world around us, and we have been blind. You have stretched out Your hands to us through our brothers and sisters, and we have passed by. We have taken great benefit with little thanks. We have been unworthy of Your self-giving love. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may be more faithful and constant in our love and service, 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: Ezekiel 17:22-24.....Pew Bible, p. 743
Chris Ahearn, 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:** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”.....Hymnal, No. 721

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: “Living Water”.....Larson
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—From the Inside Looking Out”

Dr. Coates

***HYMN:** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” (Verses 1-3).....Hymnal, No. 562

***INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” (v.4).....Hymnal, No. 562

POSTLUDE: Coro (from “Water Music Suite”).....Handel

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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.

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 Kristin Harris for her birthday on August 16 by her father, Gene Harris.

Announcements

Special thanks to Billie Brawley for serving as organist today while Steve Mowery is away.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): This year marks the beginning of the 29th 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, 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 this morning and next Sunday, August 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.**

Worship Orientation: All rising first graders and their parents are encouraged to attend a Worship Orientation class during church school on either Sunday, August 19 or 26. The class will be held in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.



**August 12, 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 Baptism
- Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Logos/MSM Registration
2:00 p.m. - PYF Lake Outing at the Curtis' home
6:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

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

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner
7:30 p.m. - *No choir practice tonight*

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
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Mark 4:26-34 (ESV)

SERMON TEXT

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- I. The Scattered Seed, vv.26-29

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