

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

August 19, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

- Welcome and Friendship Pads
- Announcements
- Invocation

PRELUDE: “Hymn to Joy”.....Wold
Dr. Steve Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”.....Hymnal, No. 59

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

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

Eternal God, we confess that we have often praised You with our lips but have not glorified You with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our brief faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasms that just as quickly die, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in Your power that we may live for justice and tell of Your loving kindness by our acts as well as by our words; 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: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18Pew Bible, p. 210

***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:** “As The Deer”.....Hymnal, No. 471

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: “I Come with Joy”.....Cherwien

Dr. Mowery

*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

Ephesians 6:10-18 (Insert)

“The Panoply of God”

Dr. Coates

***HYMN:** “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” (Verses 1-3).....Hymnal, No. 513

***INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” (v.4).....Hymnal, No. 513

POSTLUDE: “Jerusalem the Golden”.....Beck

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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 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 honor of Zackery Goodrum by Bernice Melchor.

Announcements

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): 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.. Parents may register their children for the program in the church parlor this morning after both worship services. Required parent meetings will take place in the church parlor tonight and this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (you only need to attend one.) **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.

Church School Promotion Sunday: All church school classes are encouraged to attend special Promotion Sunday activities next Sunday, August 26, at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Activities include introduction of church school teachers, presentation of Bibles to second graders, and singing. Light refreshments will be served.

Christian Education Sunday: Christian Education volunteers will be commissioned during the worship services next Sunday, August 26.

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 this Friday, August 24 Ellen Auten or the church office.**

Catechism Club: The 2007-2008 Catechism Club, offered to children in third through sixth grades, will begin Sunday, September 9, from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Children in Catechism Club will be encouraged to memorize the 150 questions of the *First Catechism*, and will have weekly instruction in basic Bible truths. Registration will take place in the church parlor this morning.

Worship Orientation: All rising first graders and their parents are encouraged to attend a Worship Orientation class this morning or next Sunday, August 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the families of Liz Price and Mary Emerson who passed away this week.

All women are invited to an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Presbyterian Women next Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian has the opportunity to work with the Habitat House Interfaith build. The missions committee is seeking volunteers for each of the Saturday work days. We must have volunteers indicate ahead of time their willingness to work a specific date or dates by contacting John Neely at 704-663-2592. This is important so that John can give directions to the site and adequately prepare for the workers. The work days begin Saturday, September 15 and continue each Saturday through November 18. (no work on Sat., Oct. 13) This is an excellent opportunity to serve in our community. See the schedule below.

09/15/07	Shingle roof	need 10-12 volunteers
09/22/07	Vinyl Siding	need 12-15 volunteers
09/29/07	Dry Wall Ceilings	10-12 volunteers
10/06/07	Dry Wall-walls	10-12 volunteers
10/20/07	Paint Prep./Prime	10-12 volunteers
10/27/07	Interior Trim	6-8 volunteers
11/04/07	Paint	6-8 volunteers
11/11/07	Misc.Hardware/Punch	6-8 volunteers
11/18/07	Punch/Cleaning/Landscape	2 teams of 6/8 volunteers



**August 19, 2007
11:00 a.m. Worship**

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

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9:45 a.m. - Church School
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Catechism Registration
7:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Parent meeting
- Monday: **Newsletter Deadline**
9:30 a.m. - Preschool Orientation
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Parent Meeting in FH
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 166
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
7:00 p.m. - VBS Planning Committee in room 300
- Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - Preschool Orientation
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner
7:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Parent Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
- Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - Friends & Family Lake Outing at the Herrings
- Sunday 8/26: **Christian Education Sunday**
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TBA - Logos Staff Training
7:00 p.m. - Session

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In Memoriam

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