

**ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD**

August 26, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

- Welcome and Friendship Pads
- Announcements
- Invocation

**PRELUDE:** “What a Friend”.....Hobby  
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN:** “Glorify Thy Name”.....Hymnal, No. 146

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

- Call to Confession
- Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, through Jesus Christ you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of your Body. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves. We cling to destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow the past to hold us hostage and live in fear of the future. In your loving kindness, O Lord, have mercy on us. Free us from our sin. Remind us of your promises, so that we may rise to new life, and live daily in your grace. In the name of 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:** “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:** Psalm 19:7-14.....Pew Bible, p. 482  
Susan Meade, Reader

**COMMISSIONING**.....2007-08 Christian Education Teachers and Leaders

**\*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:** “God Has Spoken by the Prophets”.....Hymnal, No. 667

**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: “Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out”.....arr. Hayes  
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**

**Romans 12:2-21 (Insert)**

**“About Christian Education: Transformation Is the Point!”**

**Dr. Brown**

**\*HYMN:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” (Verses 1-2).....Hymnal, No. 480

**\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” (Verse 3).....Hymnal, No. 480

**POSTLUDE:** “Earth and All Stars Sing to the Lord”.....Wold

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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 by Chapman and Jeannette Cox in gratitude for 43 years of marriage.

## *Announcements*

**Short Sermon Series Aug. 26 and Sept. 2:** As we take a short break from our sermons on the Gospel of Mark, Dr. Brown will preach a two-part sermon series on the importance of Christian education and discipleship both this Sunday and the next. The series, titled “About Christian Education,” will focus on the following:

<i>DATE</i>	<i>SCRIPTURE</i>	<i>TITLE</i>
Aug. 26	Romans 12:2-21	About Christian Education: Transformation is the Point!
Sept. 2	John 8:31-38	About Christian Education: The Truth Really Does Set You Free!

On September 9—October 14, we will experience our fall small group study and sermon series, “Living the Great Life.”

**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

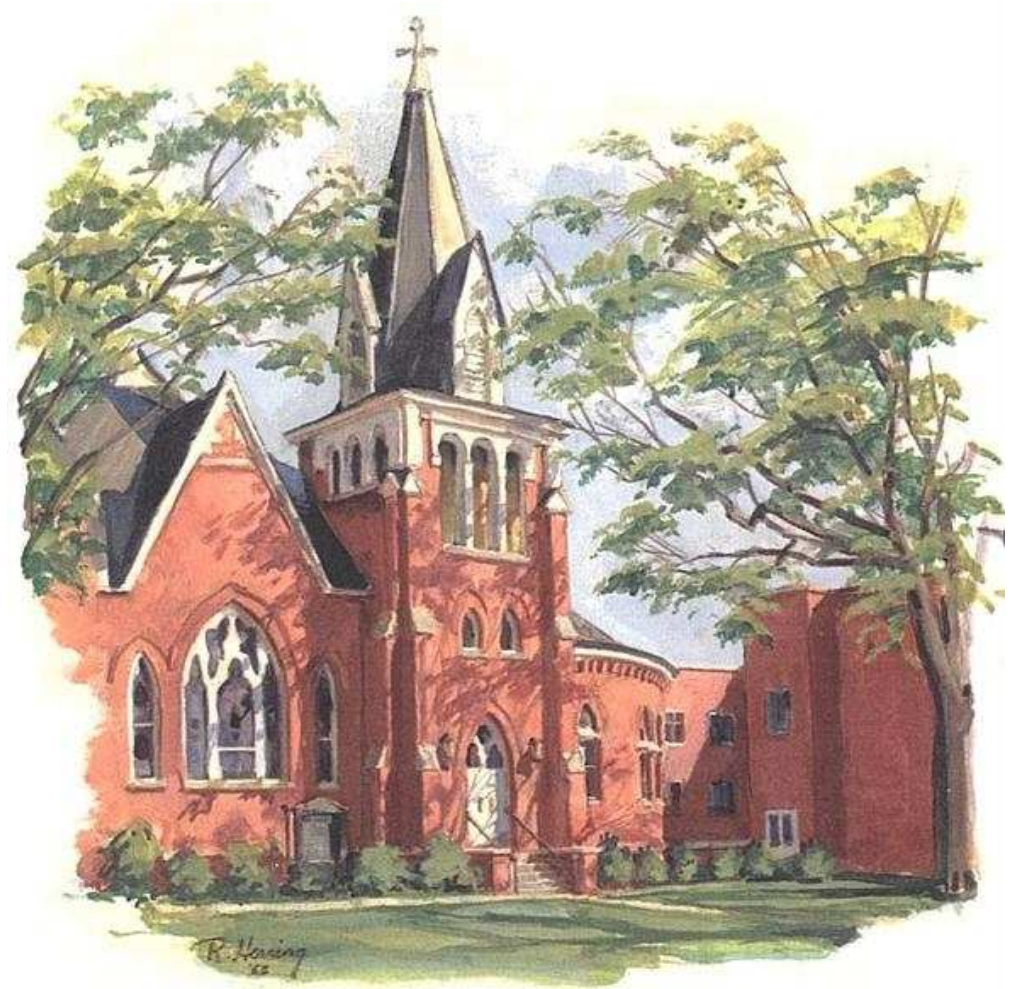
**Logos/MSM Staff Orientation:** All Logos/MSM program volunteers are encouraged to attend a Staff Orientation meeting tonight in the fellowship hall. Please note the following schedule:

- 5:00 p.m. – Bible Teacher meeting
- 5:30 p.m. – General meeting for all Logos/MSM staff (Bible, Recreation, Dinner, Worship Skills)
- 6:00 p.m. – Supper for all staff
- 6:30 p.m. – Dinner time staff, Recreation Team, Worship Skills meetings

**Church School Promotion Sunday:** All church school classes are encouraged to attend special Promotion Sunday activities this morning at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Following a brief program, classes will dismiss to their regular classrooms.

**Christian Education Sunday:** Christian Education volunteers will be commissioned during the worship service this morning. The “Christian Education Opportunities” brochure included in this morning’s bulletin highlights programs, staff, and committees responsible for the Christian Education programs at First Presbyterian. Please take the opportunity to express appreciation to these dedicated volunteers, and remember these programs and volunteers in your prayers.

*(Announcements continued on Calendar page)*



**August 26, 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*

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8:30 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School – Promotion Sunday  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Orientation in the Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Logos/MSM Registration  
Catechism Registration  
3:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women’s Ice Cream Social  
5:00 p.m. - Logos Staff Training  
7:00 p.m. - Session

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

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Bojangles  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home  
7:00 p.m. - Small Group Facilitator/Host Training in FH

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**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.

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**SERMONPASSAGE**

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

<sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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