

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

September 2, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

- Welcome and Friendship Pads
- Announcements
- Invocation

PRELUDE: “Air”.....Bach
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”.....Hymnal, No. 31

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession
- 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 25:1-10.....Pew Bible, p. 485
Diane Harrington, 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:** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”.....Hymnal, No. 419

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: “Ave Verum”.....Mozart

Dr. Steve 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

John 8:31-38 (Insert)

“About Christian Education: The Truth Really Does Set You Free!”

Dr. Brown

***HYMN:** “Trust and Obey” (Verses 1-3).....Hymnal, No. 443

***INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** “Trust and Obey” (Verse 4).....Hymnal, No. 443

POSTLUDE: “Praise”.....Martin

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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 honor of the marriage of Brooke Cornelius to Mark Schmidt on September 1 by Marsha Cornelius.

Announcements

We extend a warm welcome to the following people who have joined the First Presbyterian family within the last few weeks: Pete and Jane Peterson, 169 Swift Creek Lane, Mooresville 28115, 704-799-7777, transferred from Greensboro, NC; Bill Raffety, Jr., 173 Markham Drive, Mooresville 28115, 704-778-8113, transferred from FPC, Hays, KA; and Gaither and Beverly Keener, 1744 Brawley School Road, Mooresville 28117, 704-658-1191, transferred from North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church in North Wilkesboro, NC. We are pleased to have you with us.

Camp Grier Retreat: Approximately seventy members of our church family are participating in the annual retreat at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, this Labor Day weekend, including 25 PYF participants. Fred Coates, Alan Sledge and Ellen Auten are providing leadership for the retreat.

Catechism Club: Children in grades three through six are encouraged to attend Catechism Club, beginning next Sunday, September 9, at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to register.

Logos/MSM Program: The 2007-2008 Logos/MSM year begins this Wednesday, September 5, at 4:00 p.m. There will be a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:45 p.m. in the church library for those parents who have not previously attended a Parent Meeting for the 2007-2008 Logos/MSM year.

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

Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, or PYF will begin the fall schedule next Sunday, September 9. Seventh and eighth graders (Alphas) will meet from 4:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and senior highs (Omegas) will meet from 5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Come and be a part of this exciting youth ministry and find out more information on the 2008 Mission Trip to Yakama, WA.

Congratulations to Brooke Cornelius and Mark Schmidt on their marriage on Saturday, September 1, that took place in our sanctuary.



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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

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9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship

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Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos *Pirates of the Caribbean Night*
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Shiki
5:45 p.m. - Logos/MSM Parent Meeting

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF 5th Quarter

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SERMON OUTLINE

I. The Common Phrase: “...You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free...”

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