

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

September 9, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

- Welcome and Friendship Pads
- Announcements
- Invocation

PRELUDE: “God Is My Strong Salvation”.....Held
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** “His Name Is Wonderful”.....Hymnal, No. 102

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through 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:** “He Is Lord”.....Hymnal, No. 305

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-13.....Pew Bible, p. 161
Jordan Sledge, Reader

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** From Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN:** “This Is a Time to Remember”.....Hymnal, No. 579

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: “If You Love Me”.....Beck

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

Matthew 22:34-40; 28:16-20; John 14:15-17 (Insert)

“LIVING THE GREAT LIFE: GREAT LIVING”

Dr. Brown

***HYMN:** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (Verses 1-2).....Hymnal, No. 592

***INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (Verse 5).....Hymnal, No. 592

POSTLUDE: “Trumpet Voluntaire in D”.....Purcell

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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 Jim and Marjorie Schnicker's 50th wedding anniversary.

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.

Catechism Club: Children in grades three through six are encouraged to participate in Catechism Club, which begins this evening in Room 322 from 5:30-6:15, followed by a snack supper. Please contact Ellen Auten to register.

Wedding congratulations are expressed to Betsy Hyman and David E. Dixon who were married Saturday, September 1, at The Point. They will be living in Southern Shores, NC. Betsy is the daughter of Michael and Diana Hyman.

The Presbyterian Women's Circles are starting up this month. Circle No. 1 will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10 in the parlor; Circle No. 3, Blessed in Christ, will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, September 10 in the parlor; Circle No. 4, Circle of Faith, will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11 in the parlor; and Circle No. 5, Women of the Word, will meet at noon on Tuesday, September 11 at the home of Sandra Harris. Circle No. 2, Sisters in Christ, normally meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. If you are not a member of a circle and would like to be a part of one of these groups, please call PW Moderator, Karen Brawley at 704-662-8445.

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Loving God... Loving People... Making Disciples

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5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
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12:00 p.m. - Circle No. 5, *Women of the Word*, at the home of Sandra Harris

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos *Bauch Blanket Bingo* Night
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HABITAT HOUSE