

**ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD**

September 16, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

- Welcome and Friendship Pads
- Announcements
- Invocation

**PRELUDE:** “Hallelujah Toccata”.....Rutter  
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\***HYMN:** “O Worship the King”.....Hymnal, No. 2

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

- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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:** Psalm 111:1-10.....Pew Bible, p. 539  
Phil Heilman, 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:** “Spirit of the Living God”.....Hymnal, No. 492

**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: “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”.....G. F. Handel  
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 4:16-24 (Insert)**  
**“LIVING THE GREAT LIFE: GREAT WORSHIPING”**  
**Dr. Brown**

\***HYMN:** “Take Time to Be Holy” (Verses 1-2).....Hymnal, No. 483

**\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

\***RESPONSE:** “Take Time to Be Holy” (Verse 3).....Hymnal, No. 483

**POSTLUDE:** “Toccata” .....Bender

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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 First Presbyterian Church by the Kendall family.

## Announcements

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** Saints Alive will resume their regular monthly luncheon meetings this Tuesday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$4). This month's program will feature a program, "The Lighter Side of Fire Safety," sponsored by Senior Carolina Fire Advisory. Saints Alive is a monthly luncheon fellowship group for "older" adults. Come and bring a friend!

**Saints Alive Trip:** The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to tour the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte on Friday, September 28. The group plans to leave at 9:45 a.m., tour the library and eat lunch at the Graham Brothers Dairy Barn. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.

**Thursday, September 20** is the deadline for Newsletter articles.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Ashley Teeter; Jan Stilwell's father; Karen Lackey; John McClure; Frank Poore; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake; Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; Charles Dixon; Sr. A Tim Irwin, USAF; Cpl. James Gordon, USMC; Capt. Scott Goodrich, U.S. Army, Iraq (nephew of Sue Kopecek) and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson and shipmates on the USS Guardian.

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

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4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF  
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF  
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club  
5:30 p.m. - Coffee with Clay & Cathy – *Discover First Pres*  
7:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts  
7:00 p.m. - “Living the Great Life” Study at the Drye, Horsman, Coates and Bill Morrow homes
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - *Moms in Touch* in the Session room  
10:30 a.m. - *Exploring Our Reformed Faith* Study in the library  
12:00 p.m. - “Brown Bag with Brown” in the Session room  
12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon  
7:00 p.m. - “Living the Great Life” Study at the Ahearn and Curtis homes
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM *Disneymania* Night  
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at “Showmar’s”  
7:30 p.m. - “Living the Great Life” Study at the Fortanbary home
- Thursday: **Newsletter Deadline**  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home  
12:00 p.m. - “Brown Bag with Brown” in the Session room  
6:00 p.m. - PW Coordinating Committee  
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:00 p.m. - “Living the Great Life” Study at the McCrea home  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- Sunday 9/23: 8:30 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with the Logos Choir  
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- I. Reviewing the Great Commandment and the Great Commission...
- II. Discovering Great Worshiping: Jesus and the Woman at the Well...
  - The conversation that reveals much...
  - The people God desires to worship him...
  - The God people are to worship...
  - The characteristics of true worship...
- III. Applying Great Worshiping
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