

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

September 23, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

- Welcome and Friendship Pads
- Announcements
- Introduction of New Members
- Invocation

PRELUDE: “Sinfonia from Cantata 156”Bach
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** “How Firm a Foundation” (Verses 1, 2, and 5).....Hymnal, No. 411

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

- Call to Confession
- 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:** “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!

ANTHEM: “Send Me, Jesus”South African Folk Song
Logos Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 17:12-17.....Pew Bible, p. 573
Mike Toma, Reader

***HYMN:** “We Are Called to Be God’s People”.....Hymnal, No. 580

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: “Canticle of Worship”.....Martin
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; Hebrews 10:19-25 (Insert)
“LIVING THE GREAT LIFE: GREAT CONNECTING”
Dr. Brown

***HYMN:** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Verses 1-3).....Hymnal, No. 393

***INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Verse 4).....Hymnal, No. 393

POSTLUDE: “The Heavens Are Telling”.....Beethoven

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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 Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick Stutts who were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, September 22, 2007.

Announcements

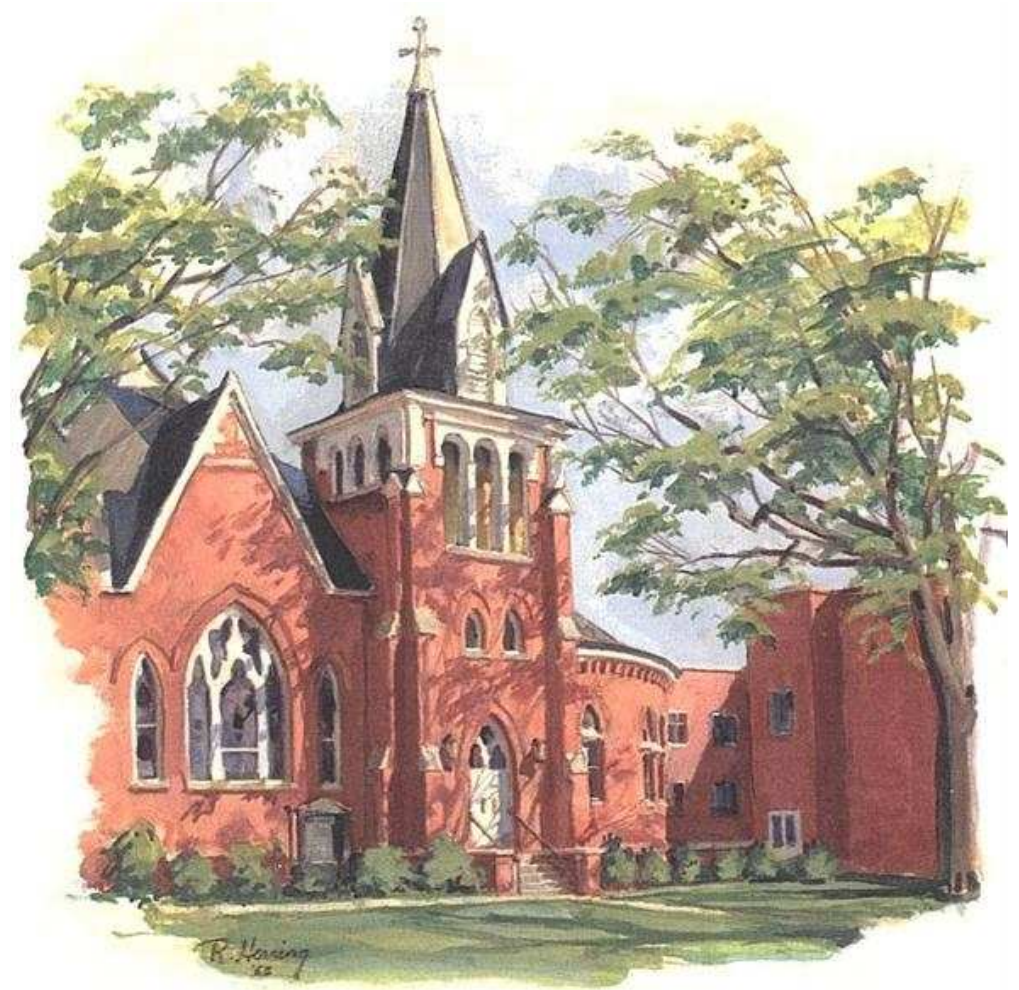
Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to tour the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte this Friday, September 28. The group plans to leave at 9:45 a.m., tour the library and eat lunch at the Graham Brothers Dairy Barn. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.

Leadership Banquet: All Session and Diaconate members and their spouses and staff personnel and their spouses are invited and encouraged to attend the Leadership Banquet next Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by calling the church office at 704-664-5275 or email us at secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org. Please let us know if you will need babysitting services.

Save the date: Our annual Stewardship Fair and Banquet will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 4:00 p.m. at the Charles Mack Citizen Center. We hope to see the entire church family come out for this exciting event. Every church committee will have a display set up, and if you attended last year's event, you remember how interesting each of these displays were. Be sure to check out the Fair again this year to see what new things our talented folks have come up with! In addition, you do not want to miss the wonderful meal and great fellowship. This is a special event at First Presbyterian and we know you will want to be a part of the excitement.

Wedding congratulations are expressed to Patrick Stutts and Mary Beth Knox who were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, September 22.

All small group hosts and facilitators are reminded of your meeting tonight at 5:45 p.m. in the church office.



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

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Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with the Logos Choir
2:00 p.m. - PYF Lake outing at the Curtis' home
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
5:45 p.m. - Small Group hosts and facilitators meet in the church office
7:00 p.m. - Session 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
12:00 p.m. - "Brown Bag with Brown" in the Session room
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 *Barnyard* Night
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at "Tony's Pizza"
7:30 p.m. - "Living the Great Life" Study at the Fortanbary home
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
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6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
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5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
5:30 p.m. - Leadership Banquet in the FH

Recent Prayer Requests: Anne Lowe; Eddy Marie Scott (Fortanbary's granddaughter); 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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