

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

September 30, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

- Welcome and Friendship Pads
- Announcements
- Invocation

PRELUDE: “Cleansing Fountain”.....Haan

Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”.....Hymnal, No. 71

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

- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we will be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. We pray through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world; 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: Isaiah 40:6-8Pew Bible, p. 633

Anne Telford, 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:** “Break Now the Bread of Life”.....Hymnal, No. 665

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: “Come and Hear”.....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 22:36-40; 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (Insert)

“LIVING THE GREAT LIFE: GREAT STUDYING”

Dr. Brown

***HYMN:** “Lord, Speak to Me” (Verses 1-3).....Hymnal, No. 593

***INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** “Lord, Speak to Me” (Verse 4).....Hymnal, No. 593

POSTLUDE: “O Worship the King”.....Ashford

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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 memory of John McClure by his family.

Announcements

Catechism Club: Participants in Catechism Club will have their first meeting with their adult mentors this evening at 5:00 p.m. in Room 322. Children should know the answers to the first 28 questions. Their regular class session will follow their recitation session at 5:30 p.m.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of John T. McClure who died September 23, 2007.

These Days, our quarterly devotional, is available at the rear of the Sanctuary today.

Dr. Clay Brown, Moderator

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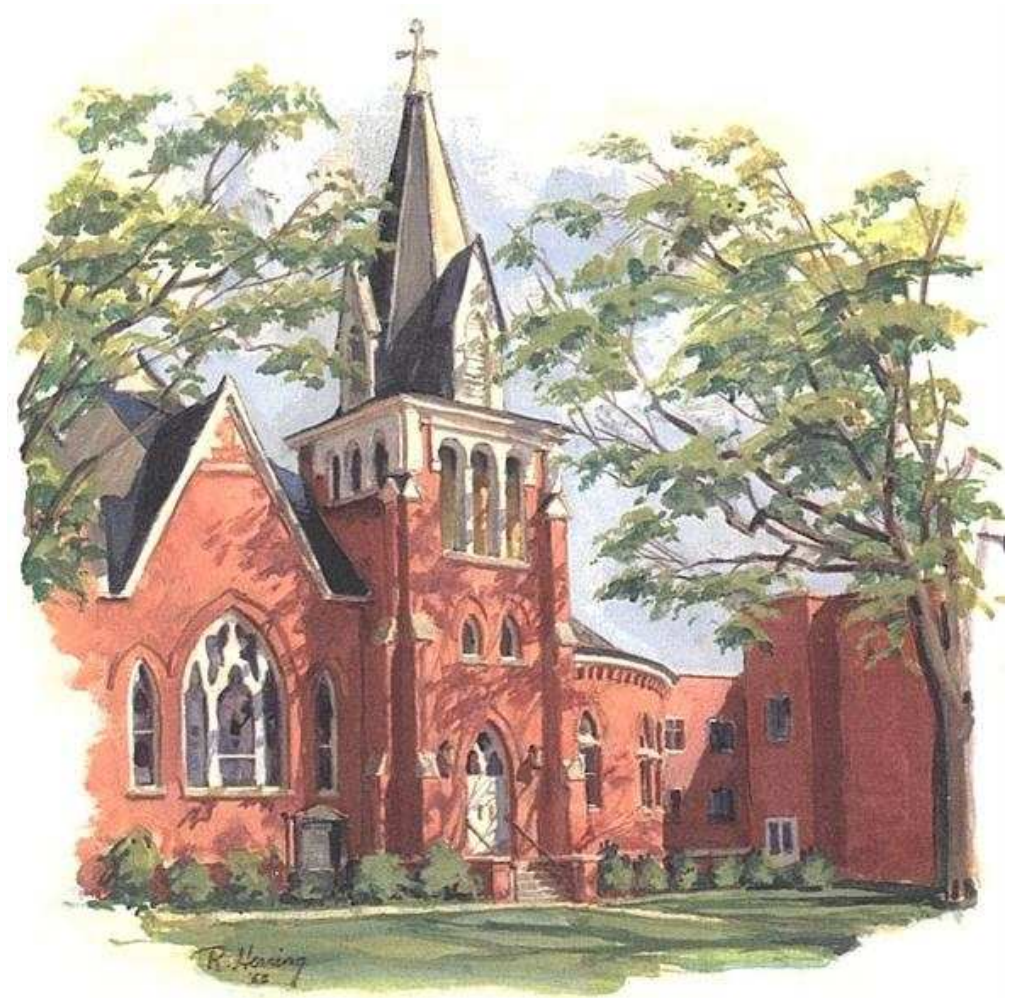
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Loving God... Loving People... Making Disciples

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Calendar

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship
 4:15 p.m. - Alpha & Omega PYF
 5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
 5:30 p.m. - Leadership Banquet in the FH

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

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 12:00 p.m. - "Brown Bag with Brown" in the Session room
 2:00 p.m. - Library Committee
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 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM *Baseball* Night
 6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub at "Tony's Pizza"
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Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
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In Memoriam

John Thompson McClure

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SERMON NOTES ♦ SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 ♦ 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

