

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

October 7, 2007

11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor

Welcome and Friendship Pads

Announcements

Minute for Mission.....Trent Newell

Invocation

PRELUDE: Jamaican Communion Hymn.....Sedio

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

Merciful God, we confess that we live distracted lives and fail to see your hand at work in your creation. Our ignorance and arrogance cause us to misuse what you have entrusted to our care. We confess that we have failed to listen to the good news of your love. Too often we care only for ourselves and those close to us, while forgetting to share your peace to the ends of the world. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors, and your law clearly shows us our sinfulness. Revive our souls once again; show us anew your paths of love, peace and justice. Loving God, we pray for your forgiving grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ. 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: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus".....No. 472

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joshua 24:23-28Pew Bible, p. 211

Morgan Fair, 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: "In Christ There Is No East or West".....Hymnal, No. 603

PASTORAL 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: "And Crown Him Lord of All".....D. Wagner

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 Corinthians 4:16-21 (Insert)

"LIVING THE GREAT LIFE: GREAT SERVING"

Dr. Coates

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Come Share the Lord".....No. 696

Words of Institution and Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Post-Communion Prayer

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "The Lord's Prayer".....Hymnal, No. 740

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POSTLUDE: "Voluntary in D Major".....Herschel

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* Those who are able will please stand.

Announcements

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 honor of Janette McDaniel and Martha Gragg, residents of Genesis Eldercare by Jo Ann Cantrell.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the families of Frances Powell who died October 1 and Eloise Holt who died October 4, 2007.

Churchmice needed: We are looking for people who would enjoy being a "churchmouse" for one of our college students. The mice remember their students with notes, cards and small gifts while they are away at school. It is a way of reminding them that they are thought of by their church family while they are at school. If you're interested, please contact Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309 or Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992.

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

In Memoriam

Frances Sink Powell

August 11, 1910 – October 1 2007

Eloise C. Holt

May 14, 1920 – October 4 2007

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13

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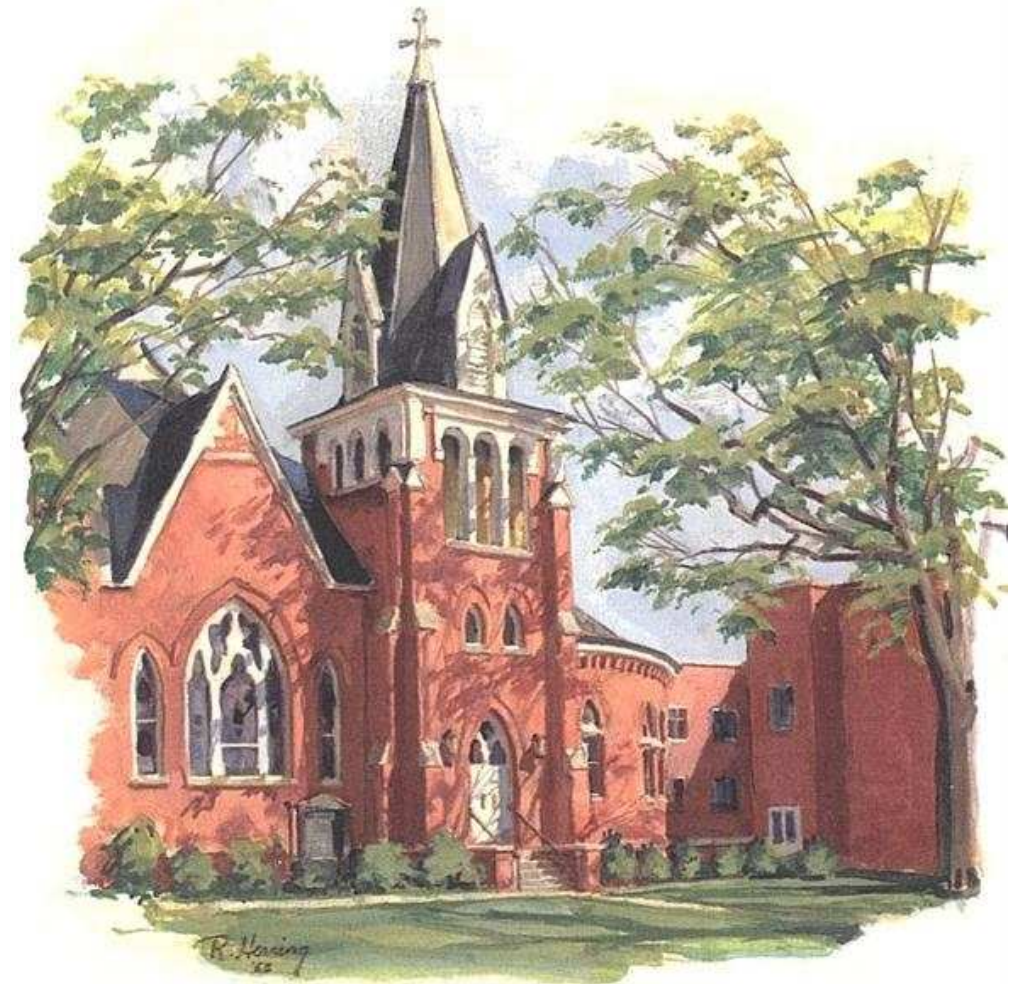
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5:30 p.m. - Alpha & Omega PYF to the Bonfire Crusade
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Membership & Evangelism Committee
- Monday: **Weekday Preschool Closed**
2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the parlor
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the parlor
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
10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the parlor
12:00 p.m. - Women of the Word (No. 5) at the home of Anne Telford
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 *Circus* Night
6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub at "Five Guys"
7:30 p.m. - "Living the Great Life" Study at the Fortanbary home
- Thursday: 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. - "Fun & Fellowship" at Golden Corral
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
- Sunday 10/14: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos Choir
5:00 p.m. - Stewardship Fair and Banquet at the Charles Mack Citizen Center

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2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (ESV)

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰**Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.** We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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