

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

October 21, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

Welcome and Friendship Pads

Announcements

Invocation

PRELUDE: “Here I Am, Lord”.....Farlee

Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

***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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN:** “God of Grace and God of Glory”.....Hymnal, No. 569

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess to you that our perspectives and actions are twisted by pride. We see ourselves as pure when in reality we are stained, and mighty when in reality we are weak. We have failed to live in your love. We have neglected to be just. We have turned away from your truth. God of mercy, forgive our sin, so we may serve you joyfully and fearlessly. 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:** “When Peace Like a River” (Verse 3).....Hymnal, No. 428

My sin—O, the bless of this glorious thought, my sin—not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul

ANTHEM: “Great is the Lord”.....arr. Wagner

Exaltation Ringers

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3:6-12Pew Bible, p. 842

Liz Rader, Reader

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** “The Heidelberg Catechism—Question 1”

Q: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my

faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***HYMN:** “Fairest Lord Jesus”.....Hymnal, No. 123

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.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Matthew 22:36-40; 28:18-20; Luke 12:41-48 (Insert)

“RAISING THE BAR”

Dr. Brown

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give.....Dr. Brown

*Hymn: “I Surrender All” (Verses 1-3).....Hymnal, No. 474

*Taking Pledges, Tithes, and Offerings to the Lord’s Table.....Congregation

*Prayer of Dedication.....Dr. Brown

***INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** “I Surrender All” (Verse 4).....Hymnal, No. 474

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

POSTLUDE: “Dialogo per Organo”.....Banchireri

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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 Trenton Newell’s 6th birthday by his family.

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

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Calendar (Week of October 21 - 28, 2007)

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6:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

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7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

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9:00 a.m. - *Moms in Touch* in the Session room

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