

# First Presbyterian Church in Worship

800 N. Main Street, South Boston, Virginia  
Eleven O'clock Worship July 18, 2010

Meditation words: Mary...Martha...distractions...what is better...faith

Greeting /Announcements

## WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Prelude

Gathering Hymn "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" Red Hymnal Hymn 272

**Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

\*Salutation and Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome, those who trust in God's unfailing love, to worship!

**People: May God in Jesus Christ be praised!**

Leader: In God's name we hope and live...

**People: For God's name is good, and higher than any other!**

Leader: We can get distracted by many things...

**People: But being at the feet of Jesus, as we are today, is paramount!**

Leader: Mary and Martha got ready for the arrival of Jesus...

**People: and Mary chose what is better. So do we!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn "It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises" Hymn 20

Leader: May the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Let us pray the unison prayer of thanksgiving.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: **We thank You, Lord God, for unfailing love which is forever and ever! For this refreshing moment of worship on a hot July day, an oasis in the desert of life, we are grateful. For moments when we can sit at the feet of Our Lord and listen to His eternal words of life, for the elimination of distractions which pull us away from Him, and for life-altering devotional moments during the week, we give You thanks. Show us how to stop being worried about many things, but to find the one thing in faith which is needful. May the words of Christ our God be heard this day, and may we find more and more moments like the one at the home of Mary and Martha. Come into our homes and show us what is better. We wait to see the wonder and miracle which follow. Bless the church, a place where we can grow and serve for all eternity! In Jesus' name, we pray.**

\*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*The Gloria Patri

Walks with Jesus

Hymn 546

Don Cherry

Children (K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) exit for Children's Church

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 52:8-9

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Prayers of the People (see list below) and The Lord's Prayer

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\*Hymn

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Hymn 401

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Doxology

Hymn 544

\*The Affirmation of Faith and the Apostles' Creed

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\*Prayer

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 10:38-42

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Anthem

Sermon

"What is Better?"

Rev. Russell Lee

Prayer

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Hymn

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Hymn 139

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Response

"Three-fold Amen"

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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### Directives for Prayer:

Shirley Marvin, shut-in

C.W. & Leslie Bing, Zambia

Clyde Hall

- ✠ **We welcome our visitors, invite them to join in our Christian journey if God so leads, and ask them to fill out a bright yellow visitor card located in the pew rack.**
- ✠ **Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary. Large print hymnals are located on the ends of the front pew (please return after worship).**
- ✠ Ushers serving are \*Deborah and Jim Sizemore at the South door, and Sam and Kay Lewis at the North door. Usher for the 9 am service is Loretta Brown. Today's acolyte is Peyton Wickemeyer. For the 11 am worship, Leah Long is providing audio support.

**Children's Church:** The children are invited to Children's Church in the room across from the nursery. Children's Church is for preschoolers through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Today's leaders are Sterling Roberts at 9 am and Rebecca Mulwee at 11 am. Each Sunday, the children's nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

**Sanctuary flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jim's brother, Dwight, whose birthday is today, by Jim and Susie Luedtke. Dwight served our country in the Army Corps of Engineers for twenty years, retiring with the rank of major. He and his wife, Cynthia, live in Roanoke where they operate Sigma Engineering. They have 4 (big!) boys.

**Men of the Church** meet on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. They are currently studying the gospel of Luke. On regular meeting nights, a group meets for dinner at 5:50 pm at Roma's. Come out and join these men for fellowship, food, and study!

**Angel Food Ministries** – Online ordering is still available until June 20th. Distribution will take place on Saturday, July 24 from 8-9 am. Volunteers are needed to unload the truck and 6:30 am and to distribute food at 7:30 am. For information or to volunteer, contact Debbie Ferguson.

**Summer Sunday School** - The children (Pre-K - 5th grade) are being taught by a variety of wonderful volunteers who will teach a Sunday (or two) this summer. The lessons are suitable to use with all ages.

For the youth and adults, three pastors and a number of laity will teach a combined class entitled "Old Testament Wisdom for a New Testament Church — How Lesser Known Stories of the Old Testament Speak to OUR Church Today." Wendy Daniel will teach this morning on Jonah - Backslider on a Bumpy Boat, and Patty Nelson will teach next week on 1st Samuel - Dangerous Devotion. Looking at these stories from the Old Testament will be fresh and inspiring. Plan to be there as much as you can this summer!

**Youth Fellowship** - All children and youth are invited to a pool party at the Edmunds' home (10025 River Road) on Sunday, July 25 at 1 pm. Everyone, including parents, are invited. There will be pizza for lunch, so please let James Edmunds know by Saturday, July 24, how many will attend. Also, be sure to bring your bathing suit, towel and sunscreen.

**Officers' Meeting** - The Session will meet on Monday, July 19, at 7:30 pm for their regular monthly meeting. Please be in prayer for our church officers.



**CELEBRATION – 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MINISTRY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** – On Sunday, August 8, 2010, we will celebrate Reverend Lee's 20<sup>th</sup> year of ministry at our Church. A combined service will be held at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to attend this special worship service and fellowship gathering!

**Holy Land Trip Meeting Today** - The group is planning a special get-together and picnic this afternoon at 3:00 at Carole Woodward's home. This meeting will not only be special because of the opportunity for extra time of fellowship with the possibility of some boating and swimming, but also because some of the travelers who cannot get to regular evening meetings will be able to join in. Beyond a time of fellowship, they will be concentrating on the fifth day of the tour around Mount Carmel, Megiddo, and the Caesarea area. During this day, they will be traveling from Galilee to Jerusalem.

There is still room for folks to sign up for the trip. Copies of the registration form are in the church office or available online. Remember that you don't have to be able to join the pilgrimage to join in the monthly study gatherings. Just let Paul Nichols know if you are interested in coming to one of the gatherings so you can get the e-mail reminder. E-mail for the trip is [sobopilgrim@gmail.com](mailto:sobopilgrim@gmail.com). Also remember that you can follow our program online at <http://sobopilgrim.blogspot.com/>.

**Concert** - The Oasis Chorale, a Mennonite choir, presents "Reflections from the life of Christ." This sacred choral worship service will be held at The Prizery on Monday, July 26 at 7:30 pm. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The service should last about an hour and a half.

**Calendar**

**Sunday, July 18** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
3:00 pm Holy Land Trip Meeting at lake

**Monday, July 19** 9:30 am Prayer Group  
7:30 pm Session meeting

**Tuesday, July 20**  
**Wednesday, July 21** 12 noon AA meeting  
1:00 pm Angel Food meeting

**Thursday, July 22** 12 noon NA meeting  
7:00 pm Men of the Church  
8:00 pm AA meeting

**Friday, July 23** 9:00 am Bulletins  
12 noon AA meeting

**Saturday, July 24** 8-9 am Angel Food distribution

**First Presbyterian Church**  
9 O'clock Worship for July 18, 2010  
Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude  
Opening Psalm  
Welcome/Prayer  
Praise and Worship Time (You are all invited to sing along with the worship team)

Inst.	"Made to Worship"	Handout
Inst.	"O How I Love Jesus"	# 140
(3:20)	"Seek Ye First"	# 64

Announcements  
Prayer Time/The Lord's Prayer (words on screen)  
Offering

Inst.	"Redeemer, Savior, Friend"	Handout
(15:7)	"No Higher Calling"	# 224
Inst.	"Heart of Worship"	Handout

Scripture Luke 10:38-42 p. 1006  
Sermon "What is Better?" Rev. Russell Lee  
Prayer  
Closing Song "As We Go"

Susie Luedtke, Michele Fitch, Jacquelyn McAbee, Ann & Bob Egloff,  
Paul Nichols, and Russell Lee are today's Praise Team.  
Brian Raney will provide computer/audio support.  
A Nursery and Children's Church are available at both 9 am and 11 am worship.  
Children's Church for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders is held in the kindergarten classroom on the first floor.

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His feet and listen to His eternal words of life.*