

# First Presbyterian Church in Worship

800 N. Main Street, South Boston, Virginia  
Eleven O'clock Worship July 25, 2010

Meditation words: mind...spirit...transforming...faith

Greeting /Announcements Worship Leader Don Cherry

## WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Prelude

Gathering Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" [Blue Hymnal](#) Hymn 263

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,**

**In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,**

**Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days**

**Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

\*Salutation and Call to Worship Worship Leader

Leader: Welcome to worship, people and seekers of Almighty God!

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

Leader: Knowledge is good and there is much to think about...

**People: And God makes us able to think deeper and more clearly about faith and life.**

Leader: Building towers to reach God is a human activity...

**People: And can only reach so far.**

Leader: May God speak to our hearts and minds this day...

**People: And may we know and believe more than ever before!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs. 2, 3, 4) Hymn 263

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 give You thanks, God of Israel and Christianity, for minds which can think and plan in the Christian mission fields. For adventures already experienced, for new thoughts and perspectives which can only come from You, and for timeless truths to be celebrated, we are grateful today. Enable us as we worship to be inspired to deeper faith. Show us how to set aside our own desires and plans, and find Yours. Make us new creations who are truly transformed by the renewing of our minds, hearts, souls, and fingers. For a church which changes the world forever, for hearts changed forever by Your Holy Spirit, for brains inspired by divine thoughts, all in this place and time, we are so grateful, and we ask You to open us to more of the same. May there be less of me and more of You day by day. In Jesus' name, we pray.**

\*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*The Gloria Patri

Walks with Jesus

Hymn 579

Don Cherry

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

First Scripture Reading Genesis 11:1-9 (p. 10)

Worship Leader

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

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\*Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Hymn 139

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Doxology

Hymn 592

\*The Affirmation of Faith and the Apostles' Creed

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\*Prayer

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading John 3:22-36

p. 1030

Anthem

Sermon

**"The Limitation of Human Knowledge"**

Paul Nichols

Prayer

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Hymn "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

Hymn 457

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Response

"Three-fold Amen"

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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### Directives for Prayer:

Shirley Blackmon, shut-in Farris & Thelma Goodrum, Brazil Shelby & Caleb Talbott

✠ **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 \*John Mele and Mike Koch at the South door, and Jack Brown and Carl McAbee at the North door. Usher for the 9 am service is Grace T. Seat. Today's acolyte is Dylan Berry. For the 11 am worship, Carter Henderson is providing audio support. Don Cherry is Worship Leader for 11 am worship.

**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 Melissa Fraser at 9 am and Jim Bailey at 11 am. Each Sunday, the children's nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

**Sanctuary flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their sister, Joanna Hughes' birthday by Kitty Lawson and Pat Hay.

**Welcome to Paul Nichols** who is preaching for Dr. Lee this morning while he is on vacation with his family. Paul is an Elder in the church who regularly teaches Sunday School and the Wednesday Night Bible Study. We are pleased that he is sharing his gift of preaching with us this morning!

**Youth Fellowship - Pool Party today** - All children and youth are invited to a pool party at the Edmunds' home (10025 River Road) this afternoon at 1 pm. Everyone, including parents, are invited. There will be pizza for lunch. Be sure to bring your bathing suit, towel and sunscreen. Contact Jim Bailey, Youth Coordinator, for more information.

**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** – Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with distribution yesterday. The August menu is available in the Sunday School foyer and online. Order dates for August include Sunday, August 1 from 12-1 pm; Tuesday, August 3 from 11 am - 1 pm; and Thursday, August 5 from 4:30-6:30 pm. You can also order online. New this month - the price of the signature box has been reduced. Please share menus with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and those in need. 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." Patty Nelson will teach today on 1st Samuel - Dangerous Devotion, and Paul Nichols will teach next Sunday on Exodus 32 - Go Down Moses-The Golden Calf. Looking at these stories from the Old Testament will be fresh and inspiring. Plan to be there as much as you can this summer!



**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010, AT 10:00 A.M.  
20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MINISTRY  
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Please attend this special worship service to celebrate Reverend Lee's 20<sup>th</sup> year of ministry at our church followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. Sunday School will be conducted at 9:00 a.m.

**Communion** - We will celebrate communion during both services next Sunday, August 1st. Prepare your hearts to come to the Lord's table and share in the feast!

**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 25**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
1:00 Youth Fellowship Pool Party  
9:30 am Prayer Group

**Monday, July 26**

**Tuesday, July 27**

**Wednesday, July 28**

**Thursday, July 29**

12 noon AA meeting  
12 noon NA meeting  
7:00 pm Men of the Church  
8:00 pm AA meeting

**Friday, July 30**

9:00 am Bulletins

12 noon AA meeting

**Saturday, July 31**

First Presbyterian Church  
9 O'clock Worship for July 25, 2010  
Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude

Welcome/Prayer

Praise and Worship Time (You are all invited to sing along with the worship team)

(58:3)

"Lord, Reign in Me"

Handout

Inst.

"Horse and Rider"

Handout

Inst.

"Here I Am to Worship"

Handout

Announcements

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

Offering

Inst.

"Above All"

Handout

Inst.

"How Great Is Our God"

Handout

Inst.

"Breathe"

Handout

Scripture

John 3:22-36

p. 1030

Sermon

**"The Limitation of Human Knowledge"**

Paul Nichols

Prayer

Closing Song

"As We Go"

Susie Luedtke, Michele Fitch, Jacquelyn McAbee,  
Ann & Bob Egloff, and Paul Nichols 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.

*May there be less of me and more  
of You day by day.*