

# First Presbyterian Church in Worship

800 N. Main Street, South Boston, Virginia

Eleven O'clock Worship

August 15, 2010

Meditation words: dressed...ready...treasure...heart

Greeting /Announcements

Introduction of New Members

## WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Prelude

Gathering Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Blue Hymnal Hymn 288

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;**

**That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;**

**The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

\*Salutation and Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to the house of God, worshippers of the Lord Almighty!

**People: May God in Christ be lifted up!**

Leader: He speaks and summons the earth...

**People: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.**

Leader: Do not be afraid, little flock...

**People: For our Father has been pleased to give us the kingdom.**

Leader: May we be dressed and ready at the coming of the king...

**People: And day by day, may we watch for His return!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (vs. 2, 3) Hymn 288

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, O Mighty One, God, the Lord, that the heavens proclaim Your righteousness. We give You thanks for friends in the Christian journey, lives changed by Your love and grace, and a world in which Your divinity is so evident. For a worship time when all is set aside but the wonder and love which comes from Heaven, we give You thanks. Show us this day what it takes to be ready for the coming of our Savior at the end of time. Enable us to embrace His presence day by day, and to see the perspective which comes from putting You and others first. As we gather in this holy place, speak to us in ways which transform our motives and attitudes. Tell us how to be dressed and ready for Your arrival this day and every day. We lift our hearts, minds, and souls to heaven. In Jesus' name, we pray.**

\*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*The Gloria Patri

Walks with Jesus

Hymn 579

Linda Lumsden

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

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 50:1-6

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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 310

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

Luke 12:32-40

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Anthem

"By the Waters of Babylon"

Kenneth Cranford

Sermon

**"Dressed and Ready"**

Rev. Russell Lee

Prayer

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Hymn

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Hymn 441

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Response

"Aaron's Blessing"

Kenneth Cranford

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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### Directives for Prayer:

Fred Collins, shut-in

Bradshaw Family Ministries, Philippines

Barry Roberts

✠ **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 \*Julianna and Frank Berry at the South door, and Jack Brown and Nancy Pool at the North door. Usher for the 9 am service is Terri Smith. Today's acolyte is Dylan Berry. For the 11 am worship, Parker Harrell 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 Marilyn Lee at 9 am and John Mele at 11 am. Each Sunday, the children's nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

**Sanctuary flowers** are given to the Glory of God for the many blessings they have received in their lives by Ruth Jean and Frank Slayton.

**Sympathy** is extended to the family of Edward Livingston Evans, III, who died July 26 at his home in South Boston. He was the son of the late Edward L. Evans, Jr., and Virginia Easley Evans, lifelong and active members of First Presbyterian Church.

**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 are teaching 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." Reverend Lee will teach this morning on 2Kings 4:38-44 - God Gives Life, and Patty Nelson will teach next Sunday on 2Samuel 12:13-25 - Life is Messy. Looking at these stories from the Old Testament will be fresh and inspiring. Plan to be there as much as you can this summer!

**Holy Land Gathering** - Angela Lewis will host the August meeting on Wednesday, August 18 at 5:30 pm. Details will be e-mailed to group members. The group will focus on Day 6 of the tour -- Old City Jerusalem, including such sites as the pool of Bethesda, the stations of the cross, the house of Caiaphas, and we will walk the Via Dolorosa. There is still room for others to join them. Please let Paul Nichols know if you are interested.

**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** – Distribution will take place this Saturday, August 21, from 8-9 am. Volunteers are needed at 7:30 am to unload the truck and 7:45 am to help with distribution. The August menu is available in the Sunday School foyer and online. You can still order online until Tuesday, August 17. For information or to volunteer, contact Debbie Ferguson.

Plans are underway to reach out to the community and tell them about the Angel Food program. We are looking for volunteers to place menus in schools and community bulletin boards all over Halifax County. The September menus should be out next week, so see Loretta Brown if you can help with this campaign.

**Anniversary Celebration** - Many thanks to all who were a part of last week's special combined service to honor Russell and Marilyn Lee for their 20 years of ministry at our church. Special thanks to those who planned and helped with the service and the wonderful luncheon!

**Youth Cook-out** - There will be a "Welcome Back" cookout on Sunday, August 29 at 3 pm to kick off our youth activities for the new school year. We will grill hamburgers and play kickball at the church. This event is for all ages of kids and parents, too. Regular Sunday afternoon meetings will resume in September.

**Children's Church** - Several more VOLUNTEERS are needed for both the 9 and 11 a.m. services. Lesson materials are provided by the church. There is a rotating schedule where volunteers teach every two months or so. We need members with and without children. To volunteer, contact Sterling Roberts at [eroberts@embarqmail.com](mailto:eroberts@embarqmail.com) or 470-4343.

**Chair Yoga Informational Meeting** - Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall of Main Street United Methodist Church. Curious about what chair yoga is and the benefits you may receive from this exercise? Come watch a DVD of a chair yoga class. Bring a friend! Register for this meeting with Certified Yoga Instructor, Lynda Spalding at 476-6064. *All Chair Yoga Classes will be FREE. No Fee!!!*

**Officers' Meetings** will be held on Monday, August 16. The Diaconate will meet at 7 pm, and the Session will meet at 7:30 pm. Please be in prayer for our church officers as they gear up for the fall activities.

**College Addresses** - As your students head off to college or back to college, be sure to let the church office know of their new addresses. We want to include them in our college student ministry mailings and send them the monthly church newsletters. Also, please be in prayer for these students as they face the challenges of a new chapter in their life or a new year of study!

**Christian Women's Bible Study** - The Ladies Thursday morning Bible Study will be starting on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am for any woman in the community. They will be studying the Book of Acts. Please plan to join them and bring a friend! For more information, contact Wendy Daniel.

**Upper Room Devotionals** for September/October are available in the Sunday School foyer and each vestibule. Pick up one today and kick off the school year by spending some time with God each day!

**Rally Day - Sunday, September 12** - Be here as we begin a new, exciting Sunday School year. Breakfast will be served by the Deacons beginning at 9:30 am that morning. Plans are in the works for classes of all ages at 10 am each Sunday morning. Come find your place on Sunday mornings!

**Sunday School Teachers** - Teachers of children and youth for the coming year are invited to come on Saturday morning, August 21 at 10 am for coffee and sweet rolls. This will be a time to get acquainted with our new Sunday School curriculum, set up your class room, and decide with your fellow workers about teaching responsibilities. We will have a brief meeting with all teachers to learn about a new music schedule and answer any questions you may have.

**Calendar**

<b>Sunday, August 15</b>	9:00 am Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 10:20 am Called Session Meeting 11:00 am Traditional Worship
<b>Monday, August 16</b>	9:30 am Prayer Group 7:00 pm Diaconate meeting 7:30 pm Session meeting
<b>Tuesday, August 17</b>	
<b>Wednesday, August 18</b>	12 noon AA meeting
<b>Thursday, August 19</b>	12 noon NA meeting 7:00 pm Men of the Church 8:00 pm AA meeting
<b>Friday, August 20</b>	9:00 am Bulletins
<b>Saturday, August 21</b>	12 noon AA meeting 8-9 am Angel Food distribution 10:00 am Sunday School Teachers meeting

**First Presbyterian Church**  
9 O'clock Worship for August 15, 2010  
Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude		
Welcome/Prayer		
Opening Psalm		
Praise and Worship Time (You are all invited to sing along with the worship team)		
Inst.	"Made to Worship"	Handout
Inst.	"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"	Handout
(7:6)	"Make Me a Servant"	# 135
Announcements		
Prayer Time/The Lord's Prayer (words on screen)		
Offering		
Inst.	"Thank You Lord"	Handout
Inst.	"You are Worthy of My Praise"	Handout
(3:15)	"Open Our Eyes"	# 59
Scripture	Luke 12:32-40	p. 1009
Sermon	<b>"Dressed and Ready"</b>	Rev. Russell Lee
Prayer		
Closing Song	"As We Go"	

Susie Luedtke, Michele Fitch, Jacquelyn McAbee, Ann & Bob Egloff,  
Mike Marvin, 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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