

First Presbyterian Church in Worship

800 N. Main Street, South Boston, Virginia

Eleven O'clock Worship

August 29, 2010

Meditation words: banquets...places...humility...faith

Greeting /Announcements

Minute for Mission

Paul Sydnor

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Prelude

Gathering Hymn

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Blue Hymnal

Hymn 441

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,

The church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

*Salutation and Call to Worship

Worship Leader

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

People: May God in Jesus Christ be lifted up!

Leader: Sing for joy to the Lord our strength;

People: Shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

Leader: Begin the music, strike the tambourine,

People: Play the melodious harp and lyre!

Leader: Christ has shown us the proper place at table and society...

People: And it is not the place the world sets forth.

Leader: For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled...

People: And he who humbles himself will be exalted!

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Blue Hymnal

Hymn 260

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, God of Your people wherever we travel, for the better way which can only be found by contemplating with the values of heaven. For the banquets and gatherings we attend, and the opportunity to seek the lowest seats rather than the highest ones, we are grateful. For the rains which have renewed our land, like tears from sky, rivers of mercy, oceans of life, we are so grateful. For missionaries like Paul and Reinhild, we pray and give thanks! As we worship today, teach us the heights of humility as we seek to make decisions. Show us the better way of living, as we consider others before ourselves. Deliver us from self-righteousness which destroys us and others, and work to make us humble people who know nothing but Jesus Christ, and him crucified. May our next step, when we leave this place, be to lift someone up, and work healing in a world which doesn't even know it is ill. For salvation through Jesus our Lord, we are eternally grateful. 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 2nd grade) exit for Children's Church

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 81:1-5

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

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*Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Hymn 383

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 14:1,7-14

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Anthem

Sermon

"The Better Way"

Rev. Russell Lee

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn 464

*Charge and Blessing

*Response

"Aaron's Blessing"

Kenneth Cranford

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer:

Alice Irby, shut-in

Paul & Reinhild Sydnor, Europe

Mission

† **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 *Carl Adams and Mike Koch at the South door, and David Forlines and Leon Plaster at the North door. Usher for the 9 am service is Jo Roberts. For the 11 am worship, Don Cherry 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 2nd graders. Today's leaders are Michele Fitch at 9 am and Mark & Erin Thackston 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 Marge Nelson's birthday (August 29) from Stewart, Patty, Jessica and Eric Nelson.

Welcome to our missionaries, Paul and Reinhild Sydnor, who are here with us this morning. They work with International Association of Refugees, a newly formed non-profit organization focused on refugee work around the world. Paul serves as IAFR's European regional leader from their home in France. They will share about their work during 9 and 11 o'clock worship. They will also teach the combined adult Sunday School class in the sanctuary this morning.

Youth Cook-out - There will be a "Welcome Back" cookout this afternoon 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.

Summer Sunday School will conclude next week- Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who have taught the children (Pre-K - 5th grade) this summer. Jim Luedtke will teach the final lesson next week on 2 Chronicles 18:1-19:3 - Lord, What is Your Will for Us? in the combined youth/adult class entitled "Old Testament Wisdom for a New Testament Church — How Lesser Known Stories of the Old Testament Speak to OUR Church Today."

The Ladies' Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the Philathea parlor. We will begin our study of the Women of the Bible, and the first one will be "Eve" from Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-25; 3; 4:1-2, 25; as well as 2 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Timothy 2:13-15. Our teacher will be Ginny Troy. All ladies are welcome!

Angel Food Ministries – The September menu is now available in the Sunday School foyer and online. Order dates for September include Thursday, September 2 from 4:30-6:30 pm; Sunday, September 5 from 12-1 pm; and Tuesday, September 7 from 11 am-1 pm. You can also order online until Tuesday, September 14. Check out the changes that Angel Food is making to meet the needs of all families. We are trying to reach out to the community and tell them about the Angel Food program, so we are looking for volunteers to place menus in schools and community bulletin boards all over Halifax County. Please see Kim Albert after worship if you can take a menu or two to post around town.

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 week. Come find your place on Sunday mornings!

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 12th after 11 o'clock worship. We will meet to authorize the purchase of property at 818 North Main Street.

Wednesday Night Bible Studies for all ages begin September 8 - This year's adult study will focus on prayer. They will look at The Lord's Prayer, and other prayers in scripture, to learn more of our relationship with the Father, through Jesus our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. On the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, they will gather at 6:30 pm for a brief lesson, and then have time for those participating to "come together as one" lifting up individual needs as well as needs found within the church body, the community, and the world. These sessions will be led by Reverend Lee, Jim Luedtke, or Paul Nichols. Make plans to join them!

New this year! There will be a time of fellowship and study for children of all ages at 6:30 pm while the adults are attending Bible-study. So, bring the kids for a great meal, stimulating Bible-study, and encouraging fellowship on Wonderful Wednesdays! This group will be led by Youth Coordinator, Jim Bailey.

Wonderful Wednesdays - Our first Wednesday Fellowship Dinners of the fall will be on Wednesday, September 8th. Our meal on Sept. 8 will be catered by Sandy Nash, owner and operator of the Pink Giraffe Restaurant in Clarksville. The menu will be a meal that gets rave reviews from her customers: **turkey pot roast, carrots, red potatoes, homemade bread, and dessert.** (If you like the meal, you might enjoy Sandy's restaurant, located on Route 15S in Clarksville. She is open for lunch and dinner on Mondays and Wednesdays, and for lunch only on Fridays.) We plan to taste test a variety of caterers this fall, and in doing so, patronize several other businesses in the area. Thanks to the Deacons for hosting September's meals. Fill out the form below, call the church office or sign-up on the sheet on the office door by Sunday, September 5. **Be sure to sign up to help us get an accurate count for the caterer!**

Wednesday Night Supper Reservation

I will attend the dinner on Wednesday, April 14th _____ Adults/teens
_____ 12 and under
Name _____ Under 4

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!

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!

Christian Women's Bible Study - The Ladies Thursday morning Bible Study will be starting on Thursday September 9th 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!

Calendar

Sunday, August 29	9:00 am Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 3:00 pm Youth Fellowship Cookout 9:30 am Prayer Group
Monday, August 30	
Tuesday, August 31	
Wednesday, September 1	12 noon AA meeting 6:30 pm Handbells
Thursday, September 2	7:30 am Habitat for Humanity 12 noon NA meeting 4:30-6:30 pm Angel Food orders 7:00 pm Men of the Church 8:00 pm AA meeting
Friday, September 3	9:00 am Bulletins 12 noon AA meeting
Saturday, September 4	

First Presbyterian Church

9 O'clock Worship for August 29, 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.

"Thank You Lord"

Handout

Inst.

"Here I Am to Worship"

Handout

Announcements

Minute for Mission - Paul Sydnor

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

Offering

(18:8)

"We Humble Ourselves"

Praise Band 7

Inst.

"I Exalt Thee"

Handout

Scripture

Luke 14:1,7-14

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Sermon

"The Better Way"

Rev. Russell Lee

Prayer

Closing Song

"As We Go"

Susie Luedtke, 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-2nd graders is held in the kindergarten classroom on the first floor.

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of humility as we seek to make decisions.*