

# First Presbyterian Church in Worship

800 N. Main Street, South Boston, Virginia  
Eleven O'clock Worship September 5, 2010

Meditation words: acceptance...welcome...friendship...faith

Greeting /Announcements Worship Leader Loretta Brown

## WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Prelude

Gathering Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" Blue Hymnal Hymn 555

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

\*Salutation and Call to Worship Worship Leader

Leader: Welcome to worship, people who have faith in the Lord Jesus!

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

Leader: We are always growing and changing...

**People: and finding depth in faith relationships!**

Leader: If one hurts, we all hurt...

**People: and if one rejoices, we all rejoice!**

Leader: May we find new ways through God our Lord to work...

**People: being thankful that He will lead us forever!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" (vs. 2, 3) Hymn 555

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, O God of Philemon and Paul, of Archippus and Onesimus, and our God as well, that You are here. For both bold and gentle sharing of the faith, for growth in this congregation and across the world, and for the confidence of the gospel, we are glad. Give us the faith of Paul the apostle, even when he was in prison, and enable miracle among the Christians of today. Change our perspectives as we grow in grace, and make us able to accept and forgive as mature Christians. As we worship this day, enable us to hear Your gospel in powerful and life-changing ways. For salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, we are supremely grateful. In Jesus' name, we pray.**

\*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*The Gloria Patri

Walks with Jesus

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

First Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-4 (p. 609)

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

\*Hymn "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Doxology

\*The Affirmation of Faith and the Apostles' Creed

\*Prayer

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading Philemon 1-21

Anthem

Sermon

**"A Better, More Refreshing Way to Work"**

Prayer

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Hymn "Amazing Grace"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Response

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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### Directives for Prayer:

Dot Fuller, shut-in

Farris & Thelma Goodrum, Brazil

Clyde Hall family

† **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 Carter Henderson at the South door, and Sam and Kay Lewis at the North door. Usher for the 9 am service is Ann Edmunds. Today's acolyte is Dylan Berry. For the 11 am worship, Leah Long is providing audio support. Loretta Brown 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 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 celebration of Michaella's sixth birthday from her parents, Mike and Melissa, and her sisters, Maddie and Maelyn.

**Welcome to Jim Luedtke** this morning who is preaching while Dr. Lee and Marilyn are on the anniversary trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, given to them by the church. Jim is well known in the church for his Sunday School and Bible teaching, as well as being a member of our church choir. Many thanks for using your gifts to lead in worship this morning!

**Continue to be in prayer** for the Clyde Hall family. Funeral services were held yesterday at Powell Funeral Home, conducted by Jim Luedtke. Please reach out to Cynthia and Andy as they move through this difficult time.

**Summer Sunday School concludes this morning** - Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who have taught the children and adults this summer. They have given our regular classroom teachers a much-needed break! Make plans to be here next Sunday as a new Sunday School year begins!

**The Ladies' Circle** will meet on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Christian Women's Bible Study** - The Ladies Thursday morning Bible Study begins this 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.

**North Property Congregational Meeting** - The Session has authorized a congregational meeting for next Sunday, September 12, after 11 o'clock worship to approve the purchase of the property at 818 North Main Street. A committee was formed about six months ago to investigate this possibility. After research and negotiation, they recommended to the session that we purchase the property. The cost of the property, demolition, legal costs, etc. will be about \$200,000. Almost \$120,000 of that has been pledged, with an update to be given at the meeting. Letters were sent to the congregation this past week giving full information. Please be in prayer and action which will find God's direction for us on this matter.

**Youth Fellowship** - There will be no Youth Fellowship meeting this afternoon due to the Labor Day holiday. Regular Sunday afternoon meetings will resume next week from 3-4:30 pm at the church.

**Hat Creek Retreat - October 1-3** - Make plans to attend this year's retreat at Camp Hat Creek outside Brookneal. The theme for this year is "Sowing Seeds of Faith." Look for the display, brochures, and sign-up sheet in the Sunday School foyer next week. If you have questions or would like to help with this year's retreat, please contact Jacquelyn McAbee, coordinator.

**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 Paul Nichols, Jim Luedtke, and Reverend Lee. 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 Dinner of the fall will be on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. 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!**

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### Wednesday Night Supper Reservation

I will attend the dinner on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
Adults/teens

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 12 and under  
\_\_\_\_\_ Under 4

**Angel Food Ministries** – The September menu is now available in the Sunday School foyer and online. Order dates for September include today, 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 pass a menu along!

**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!

**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**

<b>Sunday, September 5</b>	9:00 am Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 12-1 pm Angel Food orders
<b>Monday, September 6</b>	Office closed 9:30 am Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday, September 7</b>	10:00 am Ladies' Circle meets at church 11 am-1 pm Angel Food orders
<b>Wednesday, September 8</b>	8:15 am Moms in Touch 12 noon AA meeting 5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday Dinner 6:30 pm Bible Study for children & adults 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir
<b>Thursday, September 9</b>	10:00 am Women's Bible Study 12 noon NA meeting 7:00 pm Men of the Church 8:00 pm AA meeting
<b>Friday, September 10</b>	9:00 am Bulletins 12 noon AA meeting
<b>Saturday, September 11</b>	

**First Presbyterian Church**  
9 O'clock Worship for September 5, 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
(5:9)	"Be Bold, Be Strong"	# 94
(7:4)	"Lord, I'm in Your Hands"	# 133
Announcements		
Prayer Time/The Lord's Prayer (words on screen)		
Offering		
(18:5)	"Refresh My Heart"	Praise Band 7
(3:8)	"Micah 6:8"	# 52
Inst.	"Amazing Grace"	# 86
Scripture	Philemon 1-21	p. 1160
Sermon	<b>"A Better, More Refreshing Way to Work"</b>	Jim Luedkte
Prayer		
Closing Song	"As We Go"	

Susie Luedtke, Jacquelyn McAbee, Ann & Bob Egloff,  
and Mike Marvin 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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gospel in powerful and life-changing ways.*