

First Presbyterian Church Belmont, North Carolina



Our Mission

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we, a fellowship of Christian believers in gratitude to God, strive to serve Jesus Christ in our daily tasks and minister to all God's people through a prayerful program of worship, education and service.

FATHER'S DAY/ 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 15, 2008

Gathering Around the Word

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

2008 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study, p. x

Creator of the world and Creator of this day, as we turn to the possibilities of this day we turn to you. For this is a day of promise, a day with unanswered questions, a day filled with chance meetings and unexpected blessings. This is also a day that carries its share of challenges, demands, and temptations. As we think on these things we remember, O God, that in this day and throughout eternity we are held in your faithful care. Help us to rest in the curve of your smile. Give us imagination, courage, and resolve to be the ones you intended us to be from the start. Enliven us with signs and signals of your love as evidenced in creation, the witness of your people, the power of your Word, and the presence of your own Spirit to guide us. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Gordon Young

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

10:00 a.m.

*HYMN NO. 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148th

*LIGHTING THE CANDLES

John Carstarphen, Elle Sudderth

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Daria Ragan

*INVOCATION

Daria Ragan

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

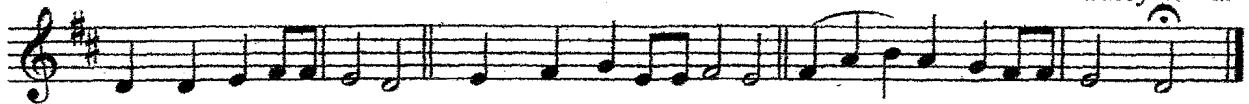
Daria Ragan

Help us, O God: We do not know how to pray as we ought. We are accustomed to hiding our faults, and we scarcely know them well enough to confess them to you. Forgive our dimness of vision, our lack of compassion, and our failure to remember and appreciate your wonderful works of faithfulness and mercy. Make us patient in our trials, and joyful in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Kyrie Eleison

Healey Willan



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, ___ have mercy up - on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Daria Ragan

Friends, believe the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sam Warner

MINUTE FOR MISSION

2008 Montreat Worship & Music Conference

Suzanne Fairbairn

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Proclaiming the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Robin Russell

Children come forward as we sing *Jesus Loves Me*.

Afterward, preschoolers are invited to Room EB108 for PAWS - Preschoolers At Worship Service

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kaylyn Gruber

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNISON READING

Psalms 139:1-12

pew Bible OT, page 577

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Large Print pew Bible OT, page 710

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-39

Ron Barnes

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Hakuna Matata

Virginia Boyce

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 367 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Sam Warner
(Please sign the Ritual of Friendship Pad so those sitting near you may greet you.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sam Warner

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY *You Are Mine* David Haas
Eleanor Tolley, soprano

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jamey Boiter
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

*HYMN NO. 264 *When in Our Music God is Glorified* ENGELBERG

*COMMISSIONING OF MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC PARTICIPANTS

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves in Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for all are one in Christ.

Leader: To you young people, whose vision and voices are so much sharper than they will ever be again, I encourage you to watch and celebrate the ways God will be calling each of you to share your musical gifts at Montreat. I urge you also to listen to the voices of your adult leaders who will be there to guide and support you, and keep you safe. And to you adult leaders, I encourage you to take seriously your role as guide and support, as mentor, as protector. But I also encourage you to listen to God's particular call to you as well.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will.**

Leader: Do you welcome the responsibility of representing this church, and will you seek to follow Christ in all that you do and say at Montreat? **I do.**

Leader: Do you, the members of the church, confirm the call of God to these individuals to grow in faith, learning and fellowship as participants in the Montreat Worship & Music Conference?

People: We do.

Leader: Will you support them with your prayers while they are away, welcome them warmly when they return, and pester them enthusiastically for stories about their experience?

People: We will!

Leader: Friends, you are commissioned as representatives of this church to the Montreat Worship & Music Conference. Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION Sam Warner

*EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES John Carstarphen, Elle Sudderth

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*POSTLUDE *Earth and All Stars* John Eggert

*CARILLON VOLUNTARY Mary McFarland

* Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome all visitors this morning! We invite you to sign the Friendship Pad and give us your address, phone number, and email information. Our worship today is enriched by your presence and participation.

The rosebud on the Baptismal Font announces the birth of Bennet Edward Nixon on June 11, 2008 to Kent & April Nixon. Bennett's grandparents are Ken & Phyllis Nixon and he is the nephew of Bill & Kim Sudderth.

Montreat Worship & Music Conference June 15-20
All those participating in this year's conference will be commissioned today during worship.

Lemonade on the Lawn is today after morning Worship and will continue through August 31.

Tuesday Midday Prayer is in the Chapel each week at 12:10 p.m. followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Our lunch menu is hot turkey sandwiches, stuffing, mashed potatoes, fruit, dessert, tea or coffee.

Barefoot, Blankets, and Bells Carillon Concert
Our second carillon concert is June 22nd and will begin with a free meal at the Scout Hut (6:30 p.m.) with music performed by Duke University Carillonneur, Dr. Sam Hammond (7:00 p.m.)

Vacation Bible School is June 23-27 for ages 3yrs (if potty trained) through 5th grade from 9-11:30 a.m. The theme for this year is "Surfin' the Scriptures" where they will learn how to "ride the wave" of God's love and go home with a new "beach be-attitude". You can register online at our church website or pick up a form from the church office.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Morning Prayer:	Cyndi Noles
Lemonade on the Lawn	Sissy McClellan, Ann-Brittain Green Nancy Coggins
Helping Wheels:	Rod & Emily Smallwood
Elder Greeters:	Martha Stowe, Jean Wilson
Sound System:	Dave Davenport
Volunteer Greeters:	Bill Carstarphen, Bruce Caldwell, Bill & Beth Campbell
Ushers:	Shane Davis, Maggie Elliott, Kent Nixon, Hunter Fleshood Ellen Harris, Gayle Pate
Volunteer Ushers:	Irl & Trudy Dixon, Ray Grant, Anne Gray
Infant Nursery:	John & Jodi Kines
Toddler I:	Louis & Frances Armstrong
Toddler II:	Janice Stowe
PAWS:	Sarah Elliott
Sanctuary Guild Care:	Ann-Brittain Green, Karen Coffey

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THIS WEEK @ First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, June 15

Montreat Worship & Music Conference Commissioning
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
2:00 p.m. Participants leave for Montreat Conference
5:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Scout Hut)

Monday, June 16

3:00 p.m. Program Staff Pastor's Study
5:30 p.m. BCO Board (E B105)
6:30 p.m. Troop 62 Committee (EB121)
7:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team (EB106)

Tuesday, June 17

10-11:30 Parish Nurse @ FPC (EB106)
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (EB105)
12:10 p.m. Midday Prayer and Lunch

Wednesday, June 18

6:30 p.m. Columbarium (EB106)
6:30 p.m. Coordinating & Planning (EB105)
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Senior Scout Troop

Thursday, June 19

Friday, June 20

Saturday, June 21

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
12:00 p.m. Return from Montreat Conference

Sunday, June 22

Montreat Worship & Music Conference Commissioning
God & Country Commissioning
Vacation Bible School Commissioning
9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Adult Combined Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
3yr- 5th grade (EB104)
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
6:30 p.m. Picnic and Carillon Concert



Upcoming Events

June 22	Carillon Concert & Picnic beginning at 6:30 p.m.
June 23-27	Vacation Bible School
July 6	Puerto Rico participants Commissioning
July 27	Carillon Concert & Picnic beginning at 6:30 p.m.
July 28	Mission Adventure Days (MAD Mondays) begins for rising 6 th – 8 th graders
July 29	American Red Cross Blood Drive at First United Methodist Church 2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.