

* Congregation stands

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude *Chorale Fantasia* Buxtehude

Words of Welcome

Introit

* Call to Worship *(Psalms 124)*

All: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side...

Leader: When our enemies attacked us, they would have swallowed us up alive.

People: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side...

Leader: When their anger was kindled against us, the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us, the raging waters would have drowned us.

People: Blessed be the Lord, who is on our side.

Leader: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped for the Lord is on our side.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the Lord.

* Hymn 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION

* Prayer of Confession

Gracious God we come here today to worship and praise you, yet we find at times we are focused only on our selves. We get so caught up in what's best for us that we forget that we should strive to do what's best for you. Forgive us of our selfish ways, and neglecting you and the people you call us to serve.

Help us remember that we come to worship and praise you, and that all we say and do should be for you. In your mercy heal our broken ways of greed, power, hate, and selfishness and restore us to live as you intended with love, faithfulness, mercy, and compassion serving you and one another. Give us energy and strength to love and praise you and to go out into the world and show your love to others. Amen

* Prayer of Thanks

* Silent Confession

* Declaration of Pardon

* Gloria Patri Hymn 579

* The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.**The Word of God**

First Lesson Exodus 1: 8-2:10

Second Lesson Romans 12: 1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!Anthem *At the River* Copeland

Children's Message

* Gospel Lesson Matthew 16: 13-20

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Why God Created You Nick Reed

Response of the People

* Affirmation of Faith *from the Westminster Confession*

Of God, and of the Holy Trinity

There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty; most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and withal most just and terrible in his judgments; hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

In the unity of the Godhead there be three Persons of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

* Hymn 282

It Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee GOTT

* Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Gigue* Buxtehude

* Doxology Hymn 592

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

* Hymn 392

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord HALL

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

Postlude *Poco Allegretto* Franck

Lay Reader: David Foutch

The **4 Cents a Meal** offering will be collected today.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today	8:45 am	Contemporary Service
	9:45 am	Church School
	11:00 pm	Traditional Service
Monday	9:30 am	Sewing Group
Tuesday	9:00 am	Preschool
	4:00 pm	Knitting Group
Thursday	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Practice

Last Sunday's Record

Contemporary Service	65	Offering	\$ 3,929.00
Sunday School	52	Weekly Need	6,150.00

Traditional Service 91 Through July 150,715.54
Cedar Forest 20

The Church Session

Pat Climer, Clerk of Session

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Charles Bradshaw	Richard Hartwell	Pat Bone
Pat Climer	Richard Pellerin	Mimi Hurd
Ken Hawkins	Phillip Barnes	Dot Jenkins
Gwynn Lanius	Roy Wauford	Mark Sanders

The Board of Deacons

David Foutch, Moderator

Doug Bone	Judy Denney	Hal Bone
Jennifer Breland	David Foutch	Linda Bramhall
Faye Brown	Scott Harris	Bob Frye
Becky Burris	Judy Leonard	Allen Vance

The Church Staff

Dr. John T. Cheetham, Pastor
Nicholas Reed, Associate Pastor
Gary Scott, Organist
Kristy Stevens, Administrative Assistant
Branson Clark, Music Director
Betsy White, Nursery Attendant
Tracey Hay, Treasurer
Lee Anne Warren, Preschool Director

Prayer Concerns

Melinda Hickerson	Jane Martin	Keri Fitts
Debbie McClure	Johnny Keel	Maclynn Crawford
Juan Cruz	Jody Organ	Susan McDonald
Irene Campbell	Debbie York	Beth Shao
Kathy Eckler	Peggy Williams	Racheal Dugger
Deborah Dugger	Jerry Morgan	Carol Trout
Renate Robbins	Joe Winfree	Brenda Barnes (NC)
Marjorie Nabbe	Eddie Watters	Richard Klein
Mechelle Bass	Helen Payne	Earlene Lane
Thayer & Alice Smith	Margaret Rigsby	Nathan Wilkerson
Markeise Stroud	Greg Marsh	Tracy Tipton
Kathy Stevenson	Robert Harris	Stephanie Albright
Judy Pratt	Dot Sumrell	Mary Gray
Ray Ford	Bill Jones	Homer Dudley
Rick Hammrick	Lana Follensbee	Mary Sue Bland
Paul Delaney & Family	Rick Jenkins	Carolyn Thompson
Family of Wesley Brown		Ted Kennedy
Phil Marin	Shirley Whittaker	Faye Brown

Lebanon Rehab: Barbara Greenamyer

ElmCroft: Osborne Foutch, Bill Howard, Elmer Marler,
Ken Poley, Sara Thompson

Southern Living: Ruth Jennings, Claudine Prowell

Military

Chris Bowhannan	Jason Nolley	Lee Smith
Jaymon Bell	David Midgett	Brian Reeve
Kevin Alseys	Noah Evans	Jason Redmon

Luke Baker
Matthew Ash
Michael O'Neil
Stewart Beaumont
Tim Oliver

Matthew Humes
Robert Spickard
Eli Spickard
Rick Herron

Randy Sandlin
Thomas Etter
Kyle Kaker
Joseph Marianelli

School Kickoff Pool Party: There will be a pool party for the children and youth and their parents today from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. The party will be at home of Margaret and Gordon Carroll, 700 Palmer Road. Please make plans to attend this fun fellowship event.

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