

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP Fred Coates
PRELUDE: "Let Our Joys Be Known"..... Don Phillips
(Christy Floyd, organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather, centered in the promises of God,

Caught in the web of grace,
Whirled in wonder and joy,

Welcomed into the house of blessing.

We gather, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,

Lifted up by stories of faith,

Moved by challenging words and heartfelt prayers,

Touched by joyous music and the power of God's love.

*HYMN: "Grace Greater than our Sin".....No. 353

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore us according to Your promises declared to us through Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant that we may live holy, just, and humble lives to the glory of Your Holy Name. In the name of Christ we pray...

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! As far as the east is from the west,
so far does God remove our sins from us.

We are saved by grace through faith, not by works, so no one should boast.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: "Amazing Grace".....No. 422

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.**

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON Fred Coates

*HYMN: "Open Our Eyes".....No. 491

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of

God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

SERMON: FIRST IMPRESSIONS:

Good News for Mothers...and Everyone Else, Too..... Dr. Clay J. Brown

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Grace Alone".....No. 436

*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.

*GLORIA PATRI: "Glory Be to the Father"..... No. 734

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 for ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: (8:30 a.m.) "Psalm 139"..... Allen Pote
(Alan and LuAnne Sledge)

(11:00 a.m.) "For the Beauty of the Earth".....John Rutter
(Chancel Choir)

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"..... No. 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(8:30 a.m.) Jim Schnicker, (11:00 a.m.) Carolyn Brawley

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory".....No. 569

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Variations on "Lobe den Herrin"..... arr, David Lowe

Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

We welcome our Pastor-Elect, Dr. Clay J. Brown, his wife, Cathy, and their youngest son, Collin, to worship today. The congregation will have the opportunity to meet and greet Dr. Brown and his family in the Parlor following the early service and in the Fellowship Hall following the second service.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Lynelle Owen and family in the death of her husband, Ed, on April 30 and to Bemice Melchor and family in the death of her sister, Jean Piggion of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on April 17.

Port-A-Pit Chicken & Ribs Saturday, May 20 from 11:00 - 3:00 to benefit the Mwandu Endowment Fund. Due to the Lake Norman Day street closures, we ask that all that are planning to dine in and pick up orders enter from the Center Street entrance. Advance tickets can be purchased from any member of the Missions Committee.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, May 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following lunch and devotions, the program will be presented by Elaine Williams of Gastonia, and will feature ideas for interior design. This will be the last Saints Alive luncheon until September.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to visit the James K. Polk Memorial Homesite in Pineville on Tuesday, May 23. Plans are to leave the church at 10:45 a.m., eat lunch in the Pineville area, and tour the homesite at 1:00 p.m. There is no cost for the tour.

Vacation Bible School: Registration for Vacation Bible School is taking place in the parlor this morning, before and after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. See the bulletin insert for more information.

Vacation Bible School Staff Orientation: There will be an orientation meeting and pizza supper for all Vacation Bible School volunteers this Wednesday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. at Prospect Presbyterian. Please contact Ellen Auten in the church office (704-664-5275) if you would like to carpool. Plan to meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. if you would like to ride together.

Camp Grier: Weekly summer camping sessions are offered at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, from June 18 through August 4, for children in rising second through twelfth grades. Registration forms are available at the rear of the sanctuary, in the church office, and online at www.campgrier.org. Scholarship help is available. Parents and potential campers are invited to attend a "Discover Camp Grier" open house at Camp Grier next Sunday, May 21, at 1:00 p.m. Call the camp office at 828-668-7793 for more information.

Announcements and Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 VBS Registration in the Parlor after worship
 8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
 9:45 a.m. - Church School for all ages
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 VBS Registration in the Parlor after worship
 6:00 p.m. - Preschool/CE Task Force in Library
 6:30 p.m. - Preschool Committee
 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
- Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - "Exploring Our Reformed Faith" Study Group in the Library
 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon
 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Pueblo Grande
 6:30 p.m. - Men's Softball @ Prospect Church
 7:00 p.m. - PYF Worship Band rehearsal
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
 6:00 p.m. - VBS Leader Orientation at Prospect Church
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: *9:30 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers (*note time change)
 7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Christ (No. 2) in the Parlor
- Friday: **Newsletter articles due**
- Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - Port-A-Pit Barbecue to benefit Mwandi Endowment
- Sunday 4/21: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
 12:00 p.m. - Farewell reception of Russell Mase in the FH
 5:13 p.m. - PYF Cookout at the Coates' home
 6:00 p.m. - Preschool /CE Task Force in the Library
 7:00 p.m. - Deacon's meeting

For up to date information on worship services, activities, a copy of the latest bulletin and newsletter, please visit the church's website at: www.moorevillefirstpres.org



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The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him...

Habakkuk 2:20