

ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 23, 2006

11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION.....The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor

PRELUDE: *God Himself is With Us*.....arr. Bitgood
Christy Floyd, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 27:1,13-14..... Lynelle Owen

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

*HYMN: *How Great Thou Art*.....No. 51

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, and a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Unison: We are saved by grace through faith. We are reconciled with God. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: *Glory Be to the Father*.....No. 734

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.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Job 1:13-21 Insert

SERMON: *First Impressions: What Only Faith Can Say*..... Dr. Brown

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION 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.

*HYMN: *When Peace Like a River*.....No. 428

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From the Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 27-28

Q: What do you understand about the providence of God?

A: The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q: What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence?

A: We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Living Water*.....Larson
Chancel Choir

*RESPONSE: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*.....No. 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Karen Brawley

*HYMN: *Trust and Obey* (verses 1,2,3).....No. 442

*INVITATION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE: *Trust and Obey* (verse 4).....No. 442

Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go—never fear, only trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

*POSTLUDE *There's a Kingdom Fair*.....arr. Cassler
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* **Those who are able** will please stand.

If you are our guest today, welcome to First Presbyterian! We're so glad you're worshiping with us. As God leads, we invite you to become a member of our church family. For more information, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you and speak with one of the pastors following the service. God bless you, and please return to worship with us again.

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

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God n honor of Ray and Billie Brawley's 50th wedding anniversary by Brad, Karen, Elizabeth and Jeffrey Brawley and Becky, Wilson, Avery, Katey and Will Thompson.

In next Sunday's sermon, the Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown will continue his *First Impressions* sermon series with *First Impressions: What Comes Next*; taken from Colossians 2:6-7.

Announcements

Combined Church School Class: All middle school, high school and adult classes are encouraged to attend a combined class during the month of July in the fellowship hall from 9:45 – 10:40 a.m. This week's class will highlight the recent PYF mission trip to Atlanta. Next week's class will focus on the Mwandu Mission project with Fred and Jean Coates and Alex and Jack Ahearn reporting on their recent trip to Mwandu in Zambia, Africa.

Children in Action (CIA): All rising first through sixth graders are invited to attend a swimming outing this Tuesday, July 25, at the home of Janie and Jimmy Carpenter. Children should arrive at the church by 10:00 a.m. and plan to be picked up at 1:00 p.m. Bring a bag lunch; drinks will be provided.

Saints Alive Peach Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to purchase peaches and produce at The Peach Tree in York, SC, on Monday, July 31. The group plans to leave at 9:00 a.m., and is invited to a picnic lunch at the Fortanbary's farm. Please call Mary and Dick Fortanbary (704-664-5543) or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

College Student Carowinds Trip: All college age young adults, including recent high school graduates, are invited to attend an outing to Carowinds this Friday, July 28. The group will meet first for lunch at 12:00 noon, then travel together to Carowinds. Please contact Ruth and Trent Newell (704-658-1052) or Ashley and Josh Schaen (704-663-1140) to make reservations and find out more information.

Saints Alive Beach Trip Deposits: A \$100 per person deposit is due Tuesday, August 1 for the October Saints Alive beach trip. Checks should be made out to "Sea Island on the Beach," or credit card payments may be made directly to Sea Island.

Holly Crawford and Marshall Horsman would like to extend an invitation to the congregation to join them in their wedding ceremony, Saturday, July 29, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Anyone who would like to attend the reception at Soiree's afterwards should RSVP to Holly's answering machine at (704) 664-2118 by Wednesday, July 26, 2006. All are welcome.



CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All the members of the congregation

Pastor: The Rev Dr. Clay Brown

Director of Music: Alan Sledge

Director of Christian Education: Ellen Auten

Preschool Director: Nancy Kortright

Treasurer: LuAnne Sledge

Associate Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates

Organist: Christy Floyd

Secretary: Nellie Goodman

Custodian: Billy Black

Hostess: (position currently vacant)

Pastor Emeritus: S. Edwin Lewis

11:00 A.M. Order of Worship

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

Habakkuk 2:20

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