

**ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**August 20, 2006**

**11:00 A.M.**

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

PRELUDE: *Hymn To Joy*.....Beethoven/Phillips  
Christy Floyd, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: Mark 1:14-14; Romans 1:16-17.....Mark McNeely  
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel."

**People: I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.**

Leader: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith.

**People: As it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord's name be praised!**

\*HYMN: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*.....No. 82

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor

**Sovereign God, we confess to you that our perspectives and actions are twisted by pride. We see ourselves as pure when in reality we are stained, and mighty when in reality we are weak. We have failed to live in your love. We have neglected to be just. We have turned away from your truth. God of mercy, forgive our sin, so we may serve you joyfully and fearlessly. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: From Ephesians 2:8-10

Leader: Hear the good news: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Unison: For by grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH TEACHERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 1:1-10..... Insert

SERMON: *False Teachers and Faithless Christians*..... Dr. Brown

1<sup>st</sup> Sermon in the *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians* Sermon and Study Series

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 4:25-5:2..... Insert

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: *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*.....No. 362

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:9; Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:23; John 20:28

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Follow Me*.....Hayes  
Chancel Choir

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Mark Auten

\*HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (verse 1).....No. 712

\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (verse 2).....No. 712

\*POSTLUDE *March of the Priests*..... W.A. Mozart  
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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.

**Next Sunday's sermon** by the Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown will be *Radical Change*, Galatians 1:11-24, the second in the fall series *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians*.

## Announcements

**Sign Up for a “Meet Clay and Cathy” Home Gathering:** Clay and Cathy Brown want to meet as many church members and friends as they can and to make this happen, a number of “Meet Clay and Cathy” home gatherings are being scheduled. The only agenda items for each gathering are good Christian fellowship in an informal setting, Clay and Cathy sharing some of their story, and laughter all along the way. Each gathering will last no more than 90 minutes. To participate in a “Meet Clay and Cathy” home gathering, you must contact the church office (not the hosts—they will not have the information) and reserve your spot. Space is limited, so call or email Nellie Goodman, our church secretary, soon at 704-664-5275 or [secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org)

1. Fri., Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m., Anne and Bruce Telford, 425 S. Magnolia St., 28115
2. ~~Tues., Aug. 29, 7:00 p.m., Dick and Mary Fontanary, 646 Heatherly Rd., 28115 FULL~~
3. Wed, Aug 30, 7:30 p.m., Christine and Bob Davidson, 128 Malibu Rd., 28117
4. Thurs., Aug 31, 7:00 p.m., Dorothy and Bob Campbell, 177 Lockerbie Lane, 28115
5. Thurs., Sept. 7, 7:00 p.m., Becky and Chas Rader, 18916 Evanston Lane, Cornelius 28031
6. Mon, Sept 11, 7:00 p.m., Gretchen and Brian Little, 135 Tranquil Cove Rd., 28117
7. Tues, Sept 19, 7:00 p.m., Angie and Don Copeland, 501 Woodberry Dr., 28115
8. Fri, Sept 22, 7:00 p.m., Jen McNeely and Jill Hering (at Jen's), 211 W. Stewart Ave., 28115
9. Mon., Sept 25, 7:00 p.m., Elaine and Jim Drye, 345 Linwood Rd., 28115
10. Tues, Oct 3, Margaret and Brent Curtis, 114 Cottage Place Lane, 28117

**Logos/Middle School Ministry/Kairos:** Parents may register their children for the Logos Program (grades 1-6), Middle School Ministry (MSM – grades 7-8), and Kairos (grades 9-12) in the church parlor this morning, after both worship services. Required parent meetings will take place in the church parlor this Wednesday, August 23, at 6:30 p.m. and next Sunday, August 27, at 5:00 p.m. **The registration deadline is next Sunday, August 27.** Fees include a \$30 registration fee and a \$45 per semester tuition fee. Scholarship help is available upon request. Please contact program director Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540), assistant director Leeann DeCastro (704-660-5248) or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) with questions about the program. The 2006-2007 Logos year begins Wednesday, September 6, at 4:00 p.m.

**Camp Grier Retreat:** The annual congregational Labor Day retreat will be held at Camp Grier on Friday, September 1, through Sunday, September 3. Participants are welcome to come for all or part of the weekend. Brochures are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary. **Please note that registration forms, along with payment, are due by this Friday, August 25.**

**Church School Promotion Sunday:** All church school classes are encouraged to attend special Promotion Sunday activities this morning at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Following Promotion Sunday activities, all adult church school classes are encouraged to attend the introductory lesson in the Galatians study series.

**Catechism Club:** The 2006-2007 Catechism Club, offered to children in third through sixth grades, will begin Sunday, September 10, from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Registration will take place in the church parlor this morning following both worship services.

**A special offering for the Mooresville Christian Mission,** authorized by the Session, will be collected next Sunday, August 27, during both worship services. The Session and pastors have joined in community expressions of support for this important community ministry and urge you to give above and beyond your usual giving to the church for this important need.

**Needed:** men and women who can provide transportation for church members who need help getting to medical appointments and who can provide brief respites for those giving care to their loved ones with significant medical concerns. If you may be able to help with either need, please contact the church office.



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

### Calendar

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 11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
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***False Teachers and Faithless Christians***

1<sup>st</sup> Sermon in the *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians Sermon and Study Series*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: GALATIANS 1:1-10 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle--not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead-- <sup>2</sup>and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup>to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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**OUTLINE**

**What the Messenger Means for the Message (vv. 1-2).**

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**What the Message Is—An “Executive Summary” of the Gospel (vv. 3-5).**

- We receive grace and peace from God.
- We receive forgiveness from God.
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- We are connected with God’s plan.

**What Happens When We Get the Message Wrong (vv. 6-10).**

- We desert God’s truth.
- We turn to something—anything—else.
- We come under God’s judgment.
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**What Must Happen to Get the Message Right in Our Time.**

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