

**ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**August 27, 2006**

**11:00 A.M.**

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

PRELUDE: *King of My Life I Crown Thee Now*..... Kilpatrick  
Christy Floyd, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:1-6.....Cathy Irwin

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth!

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among the peoples.

**People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: For the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

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

\*HYMN: *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*.....No. 728

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:11-12

Leader: Hear the good news: As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Unison: Thanks be to God! May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 1:11-24..... Insert

SERMON: *Radical Change*..... Dr. Brown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sermon in the *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians* Sermon and Study Series

**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: *Like a River Glorious*.....No. 435

\*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.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY: *Canticle of Praise*.....Larsen  
Chancel Choir and orchestra

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Meredith Fair

\*HYMN: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*.....No. 84

POSTLUDE: *Now Thank We All Our God*..... Karg-Elert

**\*INVITATION AND BLESSING**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*.....Lutkin

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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 and in the honor of Christy Floyd by the choirs of First Presbyterian Church.

**Please be seated during the Postlude** in honor of our organist Christy Floyd. Today is Christy's last Sunday with us before she moves to Houston, TX. A reception will be held for Christy following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by and thank Christy for her nearly 10 years of service with us.

## Announcements

**Next Sunday's sermon** by the Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown will be on Galatians 2:1-10, *Only One Gospel*, the third in the fall series *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians*.

**We welcome to this morning's worship service** our own FPC Youth Orchestra and guest trumpeter, Mr. Ryan Holden. Members of the Youth Orchestra are: Darlene Peacock, Neil Trimble, trumpet; Graham Sledge, horn; Logan Bates, John Patrick Justice, and Jay Trimble, trombone; Cody Brown, tuba; Matt Abele and Jordan Sledge, percussion.

**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.

Wed, Aug 30, 7:30 p.m., Christine and Bob Davidson, 128 Malibu Rd., 28117

Thurs., Sept. 7, 7:00 p.m., Becky and Chas Rader, 18916 Evanston Lane., Cornelius 28031

Mon, Sept 11, 7:00 p.m., Gretchen and Brian Little, 135 Tranquil Cove Rd., 28117

Tues, Sept 19, 7:00 p.m., Angie and Don Copeland, 501 Woodberry Dr., 28115

Fri, Sept 22, 7:00 p.m., Jen McNeely and Jill Herring (at Jen's), 211 W. Stewart Ave., 28115

Tues, Oct 3, Margaret and Brent Curtis, 114 Cottage Place Lane., 28117

**Christian sympathy** is expressed to Thermond Thompson and family in the death of his aunt, Florene Thompson who died August 16, and to Janet Aultman and family in the death of her mother, Inez Brown who died August 24.

**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. A required parent meeting will take place in the church parlor this evening at 5:00 p.m. The registration deadline is today. 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.

**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. Please contact Ellen Auten in the church office if you would like to register your child.

### In Memoriam

***Florene Brotherton Thompson***

June 21, 1922 – August 16, 2006

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth  
that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13*

*Announcements continued on the back of the insert.*



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

SERMON NOTES ♦ AUGUST 27, 2006

*Radical Change*

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**New Member Class September 17:** If you are considering becoming part of our church, or if you’re a new member who just became a member, and you want to know more about the congregation, then an excellent opportunity is coming your way! A one-time class for new members and potential members, *Discover First Pres*, is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 17, 6:00-9:00 p.m. We’ll begin with a dessert reception at the manse next to the church, hosted by our pastor/head of staff and his wife, Clay and Cathy Brown. Then we’ll move to the church for a tour and a brief introduction to all things Presbyterian led by Dr. Brown, as well as the chance to meet some of the staff and lay leaders of the congregation. If you’re interested or have any questions, please call or email the church office at 704-664-5275 or [secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org). Space is limited, so make your reservations today.

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