

ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 3, 2006

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: Partita on Simple Gifts..... Goemanne
Billie Brawley, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 124:8; John 3:16-17..... Jackie Justice
Leader: The grace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People, Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

People: That whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Leader: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: But in order that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: Let us worship God!

GATHERING HYMNS

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High.....No. 88

Change My Heart, O Lord.....No. 373

*Father, I Adore You.....No. 143

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O God, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. Help us to live in your light and to walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:9

Leader: Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, believe the gospel.

Unison: 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 2:1-10..... Insert

SERMON: Only One Gospel..... Dr. Brown
3rd 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: I Know Whom I Have Believed.....No. 407

*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: Day by Day.....How
Alan Sledge, LuAnne Sledge, Chris Aheam, trio

*RESPONSE: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.....No. 34
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Janet Doe

*HYMN: How Firm a Foundation (Verses 1-4).....No. 411

*INVITATION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE: How Firm a Foundation (Verse 5).....No. 411
"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

POSTLUDE Ye Servants of God..... Croft
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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 on Galatians 2:11-21, Facing Conflict, the fourth in the fall series All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians

Announcements

Sign Up for a “Meet Clay and Cathy” Home Gathering: If you still have not attended one of these enjoyable events, we have only a very few spots left and you must respond quickly. Please call (704-664-5275) or email Nellie Goodman, our church secretary, at secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org

Logos/MSM Program: The 2006-2007 Logos/MSM year begins this Wednesday, September 6, at 4:00 p.m. There will be a make-up Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:45 p.m. in the church library. This meeting is only for those who have not previously attended a Parent Meeting for the 2006-2007 Logos/MSM year.

High School Kairos: All ninth through twelfth graders are encouraged to attend the Kairos program, beginning this Wednesday, September 6, at 5:00 p.m. Participants should meet first in Room 313, the newly renovated “Youth Lounge.” Please contact Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540) or Leann DeCastro (704-660-5248) for registration information.

Catechism Club: Children in grades three through six are encouraged to attend Catechism Club, beginning Sunday, September 10, at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to register.

Camp Grier Retreat: Approximately seventy-five members of our church family are participating in the annual retreat at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, this Labor Day weekend.

“Thursdays with Clay”: Have you ever wondered just what Presbyterians allegedly really believe? To answer such a question, the Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, our new pastor/head of staff, invites you to spend “Thursdays with Clay” for a short four-part course this fall called *Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport: Making Connections in Today’s World*. The course will meet for four Thursdays, Sept. 21-Oct. 12, for one hour in the church parlor at two different times. A morning session will meet from 11:00 a.m. to noon, and an evening session will meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The same material will be covered in both morning and evening sessions, so you can choose the time that fits your schedule best. We’ll study the best-selling book by the same title by Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary. You can purchase this book from the church for \$12 (make your check out to the church and pick up at the first meeting), or you can purchase your own copy of it from a variety of bookstores and vendors. Registration for this course is needed so we can have enough books and other materials on hand. Please contact the church office to get your name on the list and to get your book by either phone (704-664-5275) or email (secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org).

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. Space is limited, so make your reservations today.

Congratulations are expressed to Lisa and Jim Davidson on the birth of their daughter, Neely Rebecca, born on August 30.



11:00 A.M. Order of Worship

First Presbyterian Church

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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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