

ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 10, 2006

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: Voluntary..... Stanley Billie Brawley, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: Adapted from Psalm 115 ..... Jackie Justice
Leader: The grace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,

People, For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Leader: Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

People: Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Leader: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

People: He is our help and shield.

Leader: Let us worship God!

HYMN: O Worship the King.....No. 2

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

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. Have mercy upon us. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises, declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, O merciful God, for Christ's sake that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Leader: Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Friends, believe the gospel.

People: 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 2:11-21..... Insert

SERMON: Facing Conflict..... Dr. Brown
4th 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: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus.....No. 442

\*SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: God Is Our Refuge and Strength.....Larson
Chancel Choir

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. And though the earth should change and the mountains fall into the sea, we will not fear, for God is our refuge and strength. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God. A holy city, a place for the most High God. Though the nations rage, though the kingdoms fall, God shall not be moved, the wars of earth shall cease. "Be still and know that I am God." God is our refuge.... A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal. And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let good and kindred go, this mortal life also, the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever. God is our refuge and strength, we will not fear; we will not fear for God is our refuge and strength.

\*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..... Gretchen Little

\*HYMN: Amazing Grace (Verses 1-4).....No. 422

\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: Amazing Grace (Verse 5).....No. 422

When we've been here ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune..... Clarke

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\* Those who are able will please stand.

## Announcements

**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 by Phil and Maria Heilman to the glory of God and in memory of John S. Heilman, Phil's father, and Luz Loste and Fernando de Andreas, Maria's parents. The flowers in the vestibule and parlor are in honor of Joel and Bryanna Hardison in honor of their marriage.

**Next Sunday's sermon** by the Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown will be on Galatians 3:1-14, *Faith and Works*, the fifth in the fall series *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians*.

**Church Mice needed:** If you would be interested in becoming a "church mouse" for one of our college students, please call Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309 or Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992. We also need addresses for all of our college students, so if you have a child away at college, please be sure to give the office the new address.

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

**"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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org). Space is limited, so make your reservations today.

**Congratulations** are expressed to Bryanna Stearns and Joel Hardison, Jr., who were married in our sanctuary on September 9. They are making their home at 283 Sweet Martha Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115.



11:00 A.M. Order of Worship

## First Presbyterian Church

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Mooresville, North Carolina 28115  
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*The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him...*  
Habakkuk 2:20

## Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF  
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF  
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club  
6:00 p.m. - Personnel & Administration and Stewardship & Commitment Committees  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education, Membership & Evangelism, Missions, Property and Worship & Music Committees
- Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the parlor  
7:30 p.m. - Bible study with Fred & Jean Coates  
7:30 p.m. - "Meet Clay & Cathy" at the home of Brian and Gretchen Little
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the parlor  
12:00 p.m. - Women of the Word (No. 5) at the home of Anne Telford  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Taco Bell  
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Session room  
7:00 p.m. - Adult Teacher's meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM begins - *Hero/Super Hero Night*  
5:00 p.m. - Kairos begins  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel choir
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers  
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral
- Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- Sunday 9/17: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) in the parlor  
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF  
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4<sup>th</sup> Sermon in the *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians Sermon and Study Series*

**GALATIANS 2:11-21 (ESV)**

**GRACE ADVOCATED (GALATIANS 2:11-14)**

<sup>11</sup>But when Cephas [Peter] came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup>For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. <sup>13</sup>And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas [Peter] before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

**GRACE ARTICULATED (GALATIANS 2:15-16)**

<sup>15</sup>We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

**GRACE APPLIED (GALATIANS 2:17-21)**

<sup>17</sup>But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

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