

ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 17, 2006

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: Pastoral.....Handel
Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 33:20-22 (ESV)Opal Westmoreland

Leader: The grace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord.

People: He is our help and shield.

Leader: For our heart is glad in him,

People: Because we trust in his only name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

People: Even as we hope in you.

*HYMN: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart..... No. 113

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

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. We pray through Christ our Redeemer; Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: Thine Is the Glory (Verse 1)..... No. 310

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 3:1-14Insert

SERMON: Faith and Works.....Dr. Brown
5th 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: Grace Alone..... No. 436

*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: Let The Praise Go 'Round.....Boyce

Chancel Choir

Hallelujah...Sing and rejoice. Praise the Lord. Praise him: Let the sound go 'round, let our praise abound, singing evermore. Hallelujah.

*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.....Emie Crymes

*HYMN: Savior, Again to Your Dear Name (Verses 1-3).....No. 711

*INVITATION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE: Savior, Again to Your Dear Name (Verse 4).....No. 711

Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life: comfort in sorrow, courage in the strife; then, when your voice shall make our conflict cease, call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

POSTLUDE Fugue in 'F' Minor..... Handel

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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.

We welcome our Interim Organist this morning. Joanne Daykin has replaced Christy Floyd upon Christy's retirement and will serve until the Search Committee finds a permanent replacement.

Next Sunday's sermon by the Rev. Dr. Fred Coates will be on Galatians 3:15-29, The Gift of the Law, the sixth in the fall sermon and study series All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians.

Announcements

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, September 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Saints Alive is a monthly luncheon fellowship group for “older” adults and friends of our congregation. The September luncheon program will feature Michael K. McMahan, a financial advisor from Gastonia. Come and enjoy lunch, devotions and prayer concerns, the program and wonderful fellowship with one another.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Mount Airy, NC, on Friday, September 29. While in Mount Airy, the group will enjoy sights often associated with “The Andy Griffith Show,” including Floyd’s City Barber Shop, the Old Mayberry Jail, Snappy Lunch, Wally’s Service Station, and Andy’s childhood home. The group will leave at 9:30 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in the trip.

The church has had a very positive response to the flower ministry. Flowers used in the service and not needed again are divided into bud vases, accompanied by a beautiful card explaining the ministry, and taken to members in nursing homes or to shut-ins at home. The congregation has been very generous in supplying vases for this purpose. However, at this time, we have more than we have storage space for. Please keep the vases that you have now and check later to see if they are needed. Also, we do not need large vases – bud vases work well. Thanks for your assistance in this ministry and many, many thanks to Lois Kirk who is our chief flower arranger and deliverer at this time. By the way, she could really use some help in delivering the flowers. Please see her if you can help with this wonderful ministry.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume on Sunday, October 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting please join us as we make shawls for the infirmed, shut-ins and babies.

“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.



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

SERMON NOTES ♦ SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

Facing Conflict

4th 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)

¹¹But when Cephas [Peter] came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For 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. ¹³And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But 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)

¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet 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)

¹⁷But 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! ¹⁸For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰I 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. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

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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
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
6:00 p.m. - "Discover FPC" (begins at the manse)
7:00 p.m. - Deacon's meeting
- Monday: 7:30 p.m. - Bible study with Fred & Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Sonic
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Session room
7:30 p.m. - "Meet Clay & Cathy" at the Copeland's home
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: **Newsletter Deadline**
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Hawaiian Luau*
5:00 p.m. - Kairos
7:30 p.m. - Chancel choir
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers
11:00 a.m. - "Thursdays with Clay" in the parlor
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- Friday: 7:30 p.m. - "Meet Clay & Cathy" at the McNeely Home
10:00 p.m. - PYF 5th Quarter
- Sunday 9/24: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
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