

ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 1, 2006

World Communion Sunday

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: *Amazing Grace*.....Lasky
Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: From Psalm 116 (ESV).....Elaine Drye
Leader: The grace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous.

People: Our God is merciful.

Leader: What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God

*HYMN: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*..... No. 501

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: . . . Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM: *Jesus Shall Reign*.....Dobrinsky
Middle School Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 4:1-20..... Insert

SERMON: *Children of God*..... Dr. Brown
7th Sermon in the *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians* Sermon and Study Series

PRAAYER OF INTERCESSION

*HYMN: *Thy Word*..... No. 664

*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.

THE PROMISE-DRIVEN LIFE TESTIMONY..... Gene Vaughan

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Lord, I Remember You*.....Hayes
Chancel Choir

*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..... Stacey Faulkenberry

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Post-Communion Prayer

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: *The Lord’s Prayer*..... No. 740

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.

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*..... Hopson
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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. For more information, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and speak with one of the pastors following the service. God bless you! Please return to worship with us again.

You can become part of the FPC community of faith today by your profession of faith, transfer of church membership, or reaffirmation of faith. The Session meets after every service to receive new members. Please speak with Fred Coates, our associate pastor, following today’s service.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper in observance of World Communion Sunday. “The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. . . Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive. . . .” (Presbyterian Church U.S.A. *Book of Order*, W-2.4011 and W-2.4012)

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.

Next Sunday’s sermon by the Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown will be on Galatians 4:21-31, *Celebrating Freedom*, the eighth in the fall sermon and study series *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians*.

Announcements

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.

Women of the Word (Circle No. 5) will meet Tuesday, October 10 at the home of Anne Telford at 12:00 noon. Bring a bag lunch.

Want to learn more about living a Promise-Driven Life? Bring the family and join us for the Stewardship Banquet and Fair, Sunday, October 15 from 5:00 to 7:30 at the Charles Mack Citizens Center. Rev. Clay Brown will be our speaker. Enjoy food and fellowship, and learn about opportunities to serve. Please call the church office to make your reservations. Donations will be accepted for dinner.

Gentlemen of high school age and older mark your calendars for October 8 at 8:30 a.m. for the Men's Breakfast and a slide show by world traveler, Eddie Stubins. This is one you don't want to miss, with great fellowship, a devotional, and break fast by the one and only kitchen crew, led by our very own Paul Beaver.

Our newest members: Last Sunday we were blessed to have the following persons become part of the FPC family: Jeanette and Chapman Cox, street, city, zip, phone, on the transfer of membership from First Presbyterian, Charlotte; Frances and Don Howie, street, city, zip, phone, on the transfer of membership from Prospect Presbyterian, Mooresville. We welcome the Coxes and Howies into our community of faith.

Volunteers for "Step Two": Our new "Pathway for Membership" includes "Step Two," a one-time, one-hour conversation with new members about how they may become involved and "plug in" to our life at FPC. These conversations will normally take place during the Church School hour at the church. We need caring, relational friends to help our new members become connected to our church community. If you sense God's leadership, please contact either Clay Brown or Gene Vaughan, chair of the Membership and Evangelism Committee. Training will be provided by Dr. Brown.

Not Too Early to Register for the Next Discover First Pres Nov. 12: Sixteen prospective members participated in the first *Discover First Pres* class for prospective and new members held Sunday, September 17. The next *Discover First Pres* class is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m. We will begin at the Manse with a dessert reception hosted by Cathy and Clay Brown, then take a tour of the church facilities, and conclude with a short class on all things Presbyterian with Clay. Child care will be available if requested in advance. It is not too early to register for this upcoming class. Please contact the church office at 704-664-5275 or secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org.

Sign Up for Thursdays with Clay: Discover the Book God Wrote. *Thursdays with Clay* is our new Bible study time with our senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Clay Brown. *Thursdays with Clay* sessions are held at two different times. A morning session convenes from 11:00 a.m. to noon, and an evening session from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The next *Thursdays with Clay* offering promises to be most helpful. For four Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, and 30, Clay will lead us in *Discover the Book God Wrote*, based on the book by the same name by the late Bill Bright. *Discover the Book God Wrote* is an introduction to the Bible, but it's also much more than that. The course not only will cover what is in the Bible and where, but also about how to read and study the Bible for ourselves and how reading, knowing, and applying the Bible can transform our walk with Christ. You can register for *Discover the Book God Wrote* by contacting the church office at 704-664-5275 or secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org. Books are \$16 each, and checks may be made payable to the church. You will be able to pick up your book at the church beginning Sunday, October 29

These Days, our daily devotional, is available today at the rear of the sanctuary.



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

Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with MSM Bells
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the parlor
4:15 p.m. - Alpha and Omega PYF
6:00 p.m. - "Walk-in Movie" at the corner of McLelland Av. & Academy St.
- Monday: 7:30 p.m. - Bible study with Fred & Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - Library Committee
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Five Guys
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 – *Pirate. Night*
5:00 p.m. - Kairos
7:30 p.m. - Chancel choir
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7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Christ (No. 2) at Angie Copeland's
7:00 p.m. - Mooresville User's Group
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- Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF 5th Quarter
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1. CHILDREN WHO ARE HEIRS TO A TREASURE (GALATIANS 3:29-4:7)

29And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

1I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. 4But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

2. CHILDREN WHO ARE FLAWED, BUT STILL LOVED (GALATIANS 4:8-20)

8Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods.

9But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? 10You observe days and months and seasons and years! 11I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

12Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. 13You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. 15What then has become of the blessing you felt? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. 16Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? 17They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. 18It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, 19my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! 20I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

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