

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 8, 2006

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: Prayer.....Boellmann  
Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: From Psalm 97 (ESV) .....Smith Kirk

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

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice.

**People: Let the many coastlands be glad!**

Leader: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him.

**People: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Leader: O you who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints.

**People: He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Leader: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

**People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

\*HYMN: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*.....No. 342

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

**Sovereign God, we confess to you that our perspectives and actions are twisted by pride. We see ourselves as pure when in reality we are stained, and mighty when in reality we are weak. We have failed to live in your love. We have neglected to be just. We have turned away from your truth. God of mercy, forgive our sin, so we may serve you joyfully and fearlessly. Through Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* .....No. 472

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

DRAMA: *Turkey Tithes*.....Morgan  
Kairos Senior High Ministry

\*HYMN: *All Things Are Yours!*.....No. 687

\*SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set us free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. We know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our**

Lord. Amen.

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.**

*THE PROMISE-DRIVEN LIFE* TESTIMONY ..... Roger Hyatt

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Comfort Ye* from “Messiah”.....Handel; arr. McChesney  
Exaltation Ringers

\*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.....Dick Fortanbary

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 4:21-31 .....Insert

SERMON: *Celebrating Freedom* .....Dr. Brown  
8<sup>th</sup> Sermon in the *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians* Sermon and Study Series

\*HYMN: *Christ, You Call Us All to Service* (Verses 1 and 2).....No. 571

\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: *Christ, You Call Us All to Service* (Verse 3).....No. 571

**Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife, seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life. Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be; send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.**

POSTLUDE *Choral Song*.....Wesley

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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 worshipping 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 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.

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 by JoAnn Cantrell.

Next Sunday’s sermon by the Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown will be on 2 Corinthians 9:1-15, *The Spiritual Adventure of Giving*, the first in *The Promise-Driven Life*, a two-part sermon and study series on Christian stewardship as an adventure of faith with our time, talents, and treasure.

## *Announcements*

**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. The 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. We will receive pledges and Time and Talent cards not yet returned to the church on Sunday, October 22.

**Our newest members** who became part of the FPC family last Sunday are: **Beth and Charlton Allen**, transfer of membership from Central United Methodist, Concord, and Windemere Presbyterian, Wilmington; **Walter A. Smith III**, transfer of membership from Davidson College Presbyterian; **Amy and Kelly Williams**, transfer of membership from First Presbyterian, Salisbury, and Dunn Memorial Baptist, Salisbury; and **Pam and Dennis Winter**, transfer from First Presbyterian, Greensboro. Please welcome our newest members 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.

**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, 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@moorvillefirstpres.org](mailto:secretary@moorvillefirstpres.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. 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 late Bill Bright. *Discover the Book God Wrote* is an introduction to the Bible, but it’s also much more than that. The course will focus on how to read and study the Bible for ourselves and how reading, knowing, and applying the Bible can transform our walk with Christ. Prior Bible knowledge isn’t necessary! You can register by contacting the church office at 704-664-5275 or [secretary@moorvillefirstpres.org](mailto:secretary@moorvillefirstpres.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

**Special thanks to Terry Skeen** for her work with our Kairos Senior High Ministry in preparation for this morning’s worship. They will present the drama *Turkey Tithes*, in both services.



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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<sup>24</sup>Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. <sup>25</sup>Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup>But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup>For it is written,

Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;  
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For the children of the desolate one will be more  
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<sup>28</sup>Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup>But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. <sup>30</sup>But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." <sup>31</sup>So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

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8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Kairos  
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF  
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF  
5:30 p.m. - Church Leadership Dinner in the Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. - Budget & Finance, Christian Education, Membership & Evangelism, Personnel & Administration and Worship & Music Committees
- Monday: Weekday Preschool Closed  
2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the parlor  
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Session Room  
7:30 p.m. - Bible study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates
- 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 Italy Cafe  
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:00 p.m. - Adult Church School teacher's meeting
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM - *Cartoon Night*  
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  
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral  
7:30 p.m. - "Thursdays with Clay" in the parlor
- Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- Sunday 10/15: **Stewardship Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
12:00 p.m. - PYF to Corn Maze  
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